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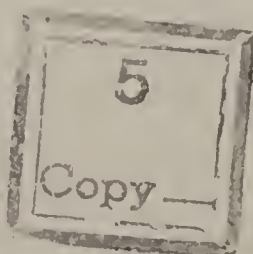
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## KEY TO MARKINGS

- 1st generation, Hugh McConnell.
- 2nd generation marked with large Roman numerals, I, II, etc.
- 3rd generation marked with numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.
- 4th generation marked with capital letters, A, B, C, etc.
- 5th generation marked with small Roman numerals, i, ii, iii, iv, etc.
- 6th generation marked with letters, a, b, c, etc.
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## **DEDICATION**

To the memory of the past generations of the McConnell family and to the honor and integrity of the present and future generations these records are lovingly and respectfully dedicated.

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## PREAMBLE

There is a tradition which runs as follows: In the early days in Scotland the clans were at war; the battle was being waged fiercely and was about to be lost, when a clan leader, to urge forward his clansmen, sprang forth with the cry, "Make on well! Make on well!" The words, as he spoke them, sounded thus: "Mack on ell." The clansmen were thus inspired to renew their vigor, and, as a result, the battle was won.

So popular did the slogan "Make on well" become that it was adopted by the clan both as its motto and name, the words of the name being first abbreviated into "Mack Connell" and finally "McConnell."

This name our forefathers bore proudly, and strove to keep above the sordid, grosser things of life; it is therefore for us, their descendants, to "carry on" equally as well as did they, and like them to "make on well" in every circumstance of life.

The clan spirit was strong in our forebears and has held firm through the generations; but gradually time and circumstance are scattering us to the four corners of the States until today the name "McConnell," which not many years ago was borne by the majority of Oxford's citizens, is borne by but eighteen (18) living persons in this locality.

The family is true in nature to its blood, being a happy mixture of seriousness on the Scotch side of their descent, and of fun from the Irish race with which the Scotchmen inter-married prior to their coming to America.

There are no noted nor very wealthy persons among our number, neither are there any very poor or shiftless persons. We are wholly free from mentally deficient and criminally minded persons, and we are a people who strive for the finer qualities and for the intellectual advancement. Through the years our men have been busy working for, educating, enjoying and being kind to their families; and our women have filled their time

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making home-like homes, keeping busy with the work of the church, and mothering orphans.

Most of our forefathers have been tillers of the soil; a sturdy, clean minded people; mostly of the Presbyterian faith, and members of the Democratic political party; men and women with a full purpose in life and a deep and abiding reverence for and trust in the Almighty.

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The first authentic record we have of the McConnell family is, that in, or near, the year 1730, they, in company with two other Scotch-Irish families, the Youngs and Setlingtons, emigrated from northern Ireland to America, settling at the town of New Castle, in New Castle County, the northern most county of what is now the state of Delaware.

The first persons of whom we have special knowledge are two brothers, James and Hugh McConnell. Of James we know little except that he married a girl named Jane Jolly and settled in Delaware.

Hugh, from whom we are descended, was born in 1756. Being of a more adventurous spirit than his brother James, he enlisted March 1, 1777, when twenty-one years of age, as a private in Capt. Samuel Mason's Company and Col. David Shepherd's Regiment of Virginia Militia. He served through the entire Revolutionary War, and took part in the Indian Wars, which followed the war for Independence.

It was while doing duty with a scouting party out of Fort Wheeler, near Wheeling, West Virginia, that he was shot through the lung by one of Simon Girty's band of cut-throat Indians. Almost the entire party was annihilated, those who survived being forced to make their escape by dashing through the open for the fort under full fire of the Indians. Hugh was among those to make this dash, and it was the running at top speed, the doctor told him, which saved his life, for thereby the blood was kept from coagulating in the lung (which would have caused death) until he could be given medical aid.

When the wars were all over Hugh located in Virginia, and it was there he met and married in 1785 Elizabeth Jolly, sister to Jane Jolly, the girl whom his brother James, married. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania in 1765.



From Virginia Hugh and Elizabeth moved to Ohio county, West Virginia; this county is in the northwestern part of the state, Ohio bounding it on the west and Pennsylvania on the east. Wheeling, where Hugh was wounded in the Indian wars, is the county seat. While living here four children were born to Hugh and Elizabeth—James, John, David and Samuel.

In 1801 they moved to Ross county, Ohio (in the central southern part of the state), where for thirteen years they farmed on shares on land owned by Gen. Massey.

The next move was in 1814 to Highland county, Ohio, which adjoins Ross county on the southwest. They remained in Highland county for fifteen years.

During their twenty-eight years' stay in Ohio, the remainder of their twelve children were born. They were: Elizabeth, Martha, Esther (called Hettie), William, Hugh and Thomas. Of the two not mentioned I have not been able to secure any trace, but it is probable they died in infancy.

When the War of 1812 broke out the three older boys, James, John and David, aged respectively 23, 21 and 20 years, enlisted and served throughout the war, enduring bravely, with their comrades, all the hazards and hardships of that war. Upon their return they married and set up their homes, James and John in Highland county, David in Adams county, on the Ohio River.

In the spring of 1828 the desire to move on seized the adventurous Hugh, and he and his son, David, pushed Westward and settled in Fountain county, Indiana, at the point where Covington is now located. The remainder of the family was then sent for and came traveling in one large company. Shortly after their arrival they pushed on up the Wabash River about a mile and located on the opposite shore. It was here that Jackson D. McConnell was born to David and Polly McConnell.

It was here also that occurred the death of our first known ancestor, Hugh. He died in 1835 when seventy-nine years of age. It is not known what caused his death, nor is the identical spot where he was laid to rest known, but this we do know, that it was in or near Covington, Indiana.

What I have recounted of him is all that is remembered of him as the story of his life has been handed down. In disposi-

tion he was a kindly man; he was adventurous, and therefore brave; he was a tiller of the soil, and, as an early sketch says of him, "he was from early life a consistent Presbyterian."

In speaking of his religious nature, Marion McConnell, his grandson, has said that while it was a delight to visit his grandparents on week days he dreaded making a visit to them on the Sabbath Day, for they were so very strict that they would not permit one on that day to whistle, whittle, play marbles or jump.

His wife, Elizabeth, lived seven years after her husband's death. With her children she came to Warren county, and later to White Oak Grove, Benton county, and died here Nov. 3, 1842, aged 77 years, 4 months and 20 days; she is buried in the Justus cemetery in a row with five of her sons, James, John, David, Samuel and Hugh, and her daughter, Esther (Hettie), lies but a few feet from her.


In the year 1831, David McConnell, who had left Fountain county, brought his family and settled in Warren county, Indiana, near the Cranberry Marsh, at Pond Grove. J. W. Whicker of Attica, a local historian of dependability, thinks, however, that he did not come directly to Pond Grove. He gives as authority for this belief Luke Hagle and Judge Durgan, father of Mayor George Durgan of Lafayette; and he states that "after leaving Fountain county, David followed the Wabash River to a point where West Point, Tippecanoe county, is now located and stopped there for a time." For how long a time is not known, but it seems to have been of long enough duration to justify Mr. Whicker in thinking that he lived there. Then, it is thought, following the Wabash as far as Black Rock he left the River, and struck across country, bringing up at Pond Grove, Warren county.

While living here a number of his wife's family, including her mother, died, and were buried on the land where they lived—an early custom prior to the days of regular cemeteries. There were originally about forty graves, including those of other pioneers, in this little burying ground, I have been told, but the plot has been encroached upon from time to time until the enclosure is now only about twenty feet square. Those known to be buried there are Keziah Baldwin Moore, mother, and Wm. J. and Frank B. Newell, relatives, of Mrs. David McConnell.

The little cemetery is located on a farm owned by Mrs. Sam Lamb of Boswell, and is near Armstrong chapel.

In 1835 David McConnell came to White Oak Grove, Benton county, and shortly after, his brothers and sisters, hearing from him of the splendid merits of this country, left Fountain county and took up their residences here. Samuel, James, William, Hugh and Thomas settled at a grove five miles southwest of the present site of Oxford. Four of these brothers were unmarried and one was a widower, so the settlement was called "Bachelor's Point."

From this date we will deal separately with each descendant of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell according to families.





## I. JAMES McCONNELL

Eldest child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, October 1, 1789. He entered the War of 1812 when twenty-three years of age, and a pair of epaulets of his now in possession of his grandson, Olen McConnell, show that through valorous service done he was raised to the rank of officer, but of just what rank is not known.

March 27, 1820, he was married to Mary Buchanan, and during their residence in Highland county, Ohio, two children, Emily and Hugh, were born to them. Mrs. McConnell died in that county and state April 12, 1822, and was buried there.

Mr. McConnell did not marry again, but with the rest of his father's family, came to Indiana in 1828, first settling in Fountain county then in Benton county.

He bought land five miles southwest of what is now Oxford, and engaged in farming. It was at this place that his death occurred March 11, 1840. Interment was made in the Justus cemetery, Oxford, beside his mother.

Following are the children of James and Mary (Buchanan) McConnell:

(1) **Emily McConnell** was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 6, 1820, and must have died near Covington, Fountain county, as her death occurred August 22, 1834, during the family's residence there.

(2) **Hugh McConnell**, son of James and Mary (Buchanan) McConnell, and best known as "Little Hugh," was born in Highland county, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1822. With his father he came to Indiana, settling first in Fountain county and then in Benton county.

April 27, 1854, he was married to Melissa Jolly, and to them one child, Olen, was born.

For many years Hugh and his good wife kept house for his bachelor uncle, Samuel McConnell, but when ill health overtook him, he, with his family went to live at the home of another

uncle, David McConnell. It was here his death occurred in 1880 as the result of dropsy, and interment was made in the McConnell cemetery. His wife, Melissa McConnell is also buried there.

(A) **Olen Jasper**, son of Hugh and Melissa (Jolly) McConnell was born in Benton county, Indiana, five miles southwest of the present site of Oxford, March 5, 1855. He, like many of his relatives, has followed farming as his occupation.

March 22, 1885, he was married to Ida Hinckley (born near Clarksburg, N. J., Dec. 10, 1863), and except for a few years' residence near Fowler the whole of their married life has been spent in or near Oxford.

To them were born four children as follows:

(i) **Bertha McConnell**, was born in Oxford, Ind., March 24, 1883; died at birth, and was buried in the West cemetery.

(ii) **Cecil Gay McConnell**, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 17, 1885; died Nov. 19, 1888, and was buried in the West cemetery.

(iii) **G. Bernard McConnell**, was born at Oxford, Ind., July 10, 1888; he received his education in the Fowler schools.

When the United States entered the World War he was employed as agent and operator for the Lake Erie & Western Railway at Oxford. He enlisted in the service in December 1917, in the Signal Corps. After three months' training in the U. S. he was sent overseas, where he became a member of the 32nd Division as a Wireless Operator. After the signing of the armistice he served in the Army of Occupation in Germany until May, 1919, when he was honorably discharged from the army. Since that time he has been a train dispatcher for the L. E. & W. R. R. at Lafayette, and now for the same road, under the name of "Nickle Plate," at Tipton.

He was married Nov. 13, 1919, to Blanche Edwards and to them has been born one child,

(a) **Darrel Lee McConnell**, born at Lafayette, Ind., May 18, 1922.

(iv) **Adria Byrl McConnell**, daughter of Olen and Ida McConnell, was born at Oxford, Indiana, Sept. 19, 1891. She attended the Fowler grade school and graduated from the Oxford High School in 1909. Since that time she has taught fourteen terms of school, five at Templeton, and nine at Oxford, where she is in charge of the third grade work.

## II. JOHN McCONNELL

Second child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1791. With his two brothers, James and David, he entered the War of 1812, at the age of 21 years as a private soldier, and through valorous military conduct won the rank of colonel.

At the close of the war he was married to Elizabeth (Martin) Inskip, a widow with one child, Ann. This child was reared in the family, and when she grew to womanhood was a veritable Good Samaritan to everyone, being at all times ready to go where there was sickness or need.

With his father's family, John and his wife with their children left Highland county, Ohio, in 1828, Mrs. McConnell carrying her twin babies, Marion and Margaret Jane, on horseback the entire distance, and located in Fountain county, Indiana. Later they came to Benton county, to what was known as the "Jackson Place," south of Chase. Later in life they retired from the farm and came to Oxford to live; their home was near one of Oxford's first school houses, that house now occupied by William Armour and family.

Mr. McConnell and wife were quiet, unassuming people and well respected. In the last years of their lives Mrs. McConnell was almost blind, and their youngest son, Jackson, and wife lived with them, and were a great comfort to them.

Politically Mr. McConnell was a Democrat and was liberal in his views. His death came October 20, 1872, as the result of an accident. Gov. O. P. Morton was to make a political address that afternoon, and Mr. McConnell was hurrying through with his chores in order to attend; he was leading two young horses from the barn to water them when the band commenced playing; the horses became frightened, jerked him to the ground, and trampled him so badly that a few days later he died of internal injuries which he had received. He was aged eighty-one years.



Mrs. McConnell lived a few years after her husband's death, dying in her 87th year.

Following are the children born to them: Sarah, David, Amanda, John L., Betty, James A., Wm. Marion and Margaret Jane (twins), and Andrew Jackson.

(1) **Sarah Wilson-Brown**, eldest child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1814. In the fall of 1828 she came to Indiana with her parents, and May 5, 1835, she was married to Lewis Wilson.

The following year they moved to the lead mines district at Oskaloosa, Wisconsin, and it was there in 1844 that Mr. Wilson's death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson built one of the first houses in Oskaloosa, and there, in this home, the Indians often visited them, for they were friends of the Red man. Mrs. Wilson, at the death of her husband, was left with four children, and with them she moved to Lee county, Iowa; here two of her children died and were buried.

In 1845, with her two surviving children, Benton and Mary, she returned to Indiana, and March 16, 1848, was married to John Brown, who died Oct. 6, 1856, leaving her with six children.

In the spring of 1864 she moved to Illinois, and in 1882 broke up housekeeping and lived with her children the remainder of her life. Her life ended in Illinois and her body rests at Milford. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Methodist church.

Following are her children:

(A) **John Benton Wilson**, son of Sarah and Lewis Wilson, was born in Warren county, Indiana, April 7, 1836. When a child he moved with his parents to Southwestern Wisconsin, then to Lee county, Iowa, and then with his widowed mother returned to Oxford Indiana.

He worked on farms until 1854 when he went via Lake Nicaragua to the gold fields of California. After one year in that country he returned to Indiana via the Isthmus of Panama, being one of the passengers on the first through train crossing the Isthmus.

He invested his gold brought from California in the north half section of Lovejoy township, Iroquois county, Illinois.

Feb. 28, 1856, he was married to Eliza Hickman, daughter

of Peter Hickman of Warren county, Ind.; she died Sept. 12, 1874, leaving him with six children.

June 1, 1876, Benton Wilson married Rachel Mills and one daughter, Hattie, was born to them.

Mr. Wilson died at Milford, Ill., April 15, 1908, and is buried in the Amity cemetery, near Milford, Ill.

His children follow:

(i) **Mary E. Pate**, daughter of Benton and Eliza Wilson, married Alexander Pate; she is now a widow and lives in Chicago with her two daughters:

(a) **Gertrude (Pate) Gordon**,

(b) **Lyda (Pate) Morrison**. Mrs. Morrison has two children:

(\*) **William Morrison**,

(\*) **Alexander Morrison**.

(ii) **Sarah A. Hall**, daughter of Benton and Eliza Wilson, married A. J. Hall and they reside at Milford, Illinois. They have one child:

(a) **Alice (Hall) Wade**, wife of W. N. Wade of Chicago. They are the parents of two children:

(\*) **Ruth Hall Wade**,

(\*) **Quiney Allen Hall** of St. Paul, Minnesota.

(iii) **Thomas Newton Wilson**, son of Benton and Eliza Wilson, lives in California. He has two sons:

(a) **Burrus Wilson**, and

(b) **Olin Wilson**, both of Spokane, Washington.

(iv) **Martha F. Dawson**, daughter of Benton and Eliza Wilson, married C. N. Dawson and they reside at Peoria, Illinois. They have one child,

(a) **Helen (Dawson) Root**, a widow.

(v) **Eliza Jane Braden**, daughter of Benton and Eliza Wilson, married U. S. Braden of Watseka, Illinois. She died there in 1893 leaving three children,

(a) **Frank Braden**,

(b) **Gertrude (Braden) Robertson**, wife of Ralph Robertson, an attorney of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

(c) **Ben Braden**, Judge of Creek county, Oklahoma.

(vi) **Lewis Benton Wilson**, son of Benton and Eliza Wil-

son, died at Pasadena, Cal., May 27, 1923, leaving a wife and one child, Gladys.

(b) **Mary (Wilson) Strout**, daughter of Sarah and Lewis Wilson, and sister of Benton Wilson Sr., married William Strout. Both are dead and their descendants live in the Middle Western states.

Following are the children of Sarah (McConnell) and John Brown:

(c) **William Brown**,

(d) **Emily Brown**,

(e) **David Brown**,

(f) **Warren Brown**.

(g) **Ellen (Brown) Rowe**, who married Thomas Rowe; they reside at Gordon City, Nebraska;

(h) **A. H. Brown**.

In early manhood David, Warren and A. H. Brown went to Harper, Kansas, and there David and A. H. still reside. Warren died there four years ago.

(2) **David McConnell**, second child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1816. As a lad he came with his parents first to Fountain county, Ind., and later to Benton county, where he was married. He did not stay long in Indiana, but with his wife, Mariah, and niece, Mary Jane Thompson, moved to Iowa. Further information concerning him I was unable to find.

(3) **Amanda Baird-Stanley**, daughter of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1818. With her parents she came in 1828 to Fountain county, Ind., and later to Benton county. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm southwest of Oxford, and had the schooling advantages of that day. For several years she taught school at the Boynton school near Oxford.

February 25, 1842, she was married to John Baird, D. R. Lucas performing the ceremony, and to them one child, Rachel, was born. Mr. Baird died in 1844, and Feb. 5, 1845, she was married to Cyrus Stanley. For one year they resided on a farm near Attica, Ind.; they then traded this farm for one of 240 acres adjoining Chase, Ind.; here their family of seven children was born, and five of them reared; they received their schooling



at the Perigo school, attending three months during the year. Two of the seven children died at birth.

Cyrus Stanley died March 25, 1869, of cancer of the stomach, and was buried in the West cemetery at Oxford.

Amanda Stanley's death occurred April 6, 1895, of pneumonia while visiting at Jacksonville, Mo., with her son, Homer. The body was brought to Oxford, and the funeral service conducted by J. J. Claypool, from the Methodist church of which she was a faithful member. Interment was made in the West cemetery beside her second husband.

Following are the children of Amanda:

(A) **Rachel (Baird) Mills-Wilson**, daughter of Amanda and John Baird, was born Jan. 4, 1842. She was first married to William Mills, and to them were born two children, Lora and William. After Mr. Mills' death she was married to J. B. Wilson June 1, 1876; he died April 15, 1908, and she now resides at Milford, Illinois.

Rachel's children by her two marriages are:

(i) **Lora Mills**, deceased, buried in the West cemetery, Oxford.

(ii) **William Mills**.

(iii) **Hattie Wilson**, who lives with her mother and teaches in the Milford school.

(B) **John M. Stanley**, son of Amanda and Cyrus Stanley, was born on a farm near Chase, Ind., October 8, 1846. He was married Jan. 13, 1875, to Josie Silfe at Milford, Ill.; they lived on the farm near Chase, where they raised their family, until they retired from active work; they then moved to Boswell, Ind., where Mrs. Stanley died of cancer and is buried.

Mr. Stanley has, since her death, made his home at Boswell with his youngest child, Mrs. Hazel Hatton.

Following are the nine children of John and Josie Stanley:

(i) **Charley C. Stanley**, born Nov. 11, 1875; died Nov. 13, 1876, of scarlet fever.

(ii) **Mary Edith Harrington**, daughter of John and Josie Stanley, was born on the farm near Chase, Sept. 21, 1877; she received her schooling in the township and Oxford schools. Was married Jan. 1, 1900, at her parents' home to Herbert L. Har-

rington, a farmer and sales agent for the Ford automobile at Fowler, Ind., where they reside.

To them have been born three children, as follows:

(a) **Mildred Lucille Harrington**, was born Oct. 27, 1901. She graduated from the Fowler high school, then spent one year at DePauw University and one at Purdue University.

(b) **Hilda Louise Barce**, daughter of Edith and Bert Harrington, was born Sept. 8, 1903; graduated from the Fowler high school, and was married to Edward Barce, a lawyer, June 7, 1921. They are the parents of one child.

(\*) **Betty Jane Barce**, born March 20, 1922. She was the youngest person at the second McConnell reunion held in Old Academy Park, Oxford, August 20, 1922.

(c) **Mary Marjorie Harrington**, daughter of Edith and Bert Harrington, was born in Fowler, Ind., Nov. 9, 1919.

(iii) Infant daughter of John and Josie Stanley born and died Nov. 8, 1879.

(iv) Infant daughter of John and Josie Stanley born and died April 6, 1881.

(v) **Rachel Gertrude Harrington**, daughter of John and Josie Stanley, was born on the farm near Chase, Ind., Oct. 30, 1882. She attended the Boswell, Ind., schools, and later taught school at the Beazell school house.

April 12, 1915, she was married at her parents' home to William B. Harrington, brother to Herbert Harrington, her sister, Edith's, husband. Mr. Harrington is a farmer and they reside eleven miles northwest of Lafayette.

Three children have been born to Gertie and Will Harrington, the first having died at birth. The two surviving are:

(b) **Maxwell Stanley Harrington**, born Jan. 27, 1907; he is now attending the Montmorenci high school.

(c) **Gertrude Lucille Harrington**, born June 4, 1910; attends school at Octagon.

(vi) **Robert D. Stanley**, child of John and Josie Stanley, was born Feb. 24, 1885; died of spinal meningitis, March 21, 1886.

(vii) **Josiah D. Stanley**, son of John and Josie Stanley, was born on the farm near Chase, Ind., May 6, 1887, he received his

schooling at the McDade and Chase schools, and attended school at Valparaiso one winter.

October 11, 191—, at Fowler, Ind., he was married to Lola Smith, a school teacher of Boswell, Ind. For ten years after their marriage they resided on the home farm near Chase, but in the spring of 1923, they quit farming and moved to Los Angeles, Cal., where he is working at the carpenter trade.

To Joe and Lola Stanley have been born three children:

(a) **Margaret Lucille Stanley**, born near Chase, Ind., Aug. 19, 1912.

(b) **John Joseph Stanley**, born on the farm near Chase, Ind., June 10, 1916.

(c) **Phyllis Maxine Stanley**, born on the farm near Chase, Ind., April 17, 1918.

(viii) **Lora Blanche Conner**, daughter of John and Josie Stanley, was born on the farm near Chase, Ind., Sept. 5, 1890. She attended school at Boswell and had a term at Winona Lake, Ind., later she was a teacher in the Chase school.

January 17, 1912, she was married at Fowler, Ind., to Ray L. Conner, a farmer, and they are now living near Rainsville, Indiana. They are the parents of three children, the first of which died at birth. The others are:

(b) **Gene Conner**, born October 16, 1914; now in school at Rainsville.

(c) **Martha Anne Conner**, born April 28, 1921.

(ix) **Hazel Ruth Hatton**, daughter of John and Josie Stanley, was born on the farm near Chase, Indiana, February 19, 1894. She graduated from the Boswell high school, and attended Normal school at Winona Lake, Ind., for forty-eight weeks, and taught school one year at Chase and three years at Boswell.

June 24, 1919, she was married to Lawrence D. Hatton, a grocerman, and they reside at Boswell, Ind., her father, John M. Stanley, making his home with her.

To Hazel and Lawrence Hatton has been born one child,

(a) **Rosemary Hatton**, born April 30, 1921. She was the youngest person attending the first McConnell reunion at Old Academy Park, Oxford, Sept. 10, 1921.

(C) **Martha (Stanley) Mitchell** was born near Chase, Ind.,



March 7, 1848. She married Ingram Mitchell and they made their home on a farm near Talbott, Ind. Here her death occurred March 25, 1869. Two children were born to Martha and Ingram Mitchell:

- (i) **Charles Mitchell,**
- (ii) **Hattie Mitchell** (deceased).

(D) **Marion Stanley,** son of Amanda and Cyrus Stanley, was born near Chase, Ind., June 22, 1852; died of pneumonia Feb. 1, 1901, at Jacksonville, Mo., at the home of his brother, Homer Stanley.

(E) **Lydia (Stanley) Albaugh,** daughter of Amanda and Cyrus Stanley, was born near Chase, Ind., July 31, 1854. She was the wife of Levi Albaugh (born Sept. 8, 1850), and much of their married life was spent on the farm. When they retired from active labor they made their home in Oxford, Ind., and there Mr. Albaugh's death occurred June 4, 1915. Since that time Mrs. Albaugh has made her home with her two daughters.

Three children were born to Lydia and Levi Albaugh, as follows:

(i) **Josie Johnson,** daughter of Lydia and Levi Albaugh, was born March 21, 1875, at Bowling Green, Ohio. She came with her parents as a child to Indiana, and here grew to womanhood. Dec. 27, 1893, she was married to Bernie Johnson, a farmer of Boswell, Ind., and to them were born two children,

(a) **Russell,** born May 10, 1901; died April 7, 1904.

(b) **Ethel Johnson,** born April 19, 1908, who is now attending school at Boswell.

(ii) **Earl Albaugh,** son of Lydia and Levi Albaugh, was born north of Chase, Ind., Feb. 13, 1878, and died Nov. 4, 1895.

(iii) **Ethel Kolb,** daughter of Lydia and Levi Albaugh, was born near Chase, Ind., Oct. 4, 1880. She was married to Albert Kolb, June 14, 1905, and they have since resided at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mr. Kolb is employed in the offices of the Union Pacific R. R. at Omaha, Nebr. To Ethel and Albert Kolb has been born one child,

(a) **Josephine Kolb,** born April 13, 1909; she is a pupil in the Council Bluffs school.

(F) **Homer Stanley,** son of Amanda and Cyrus Stanley,

was born near Chase, Ind., Sept. 19, 1856. He was married Oct. 17, 1886, to Alice Kersey at Fowler, Ind. For several years they lived at Jacksonville, Mo., but later returned to Indiana and are living on a farm near Fair Oaks. To them was born one child,

(i) **John Herschel Stanley**, was born in Randolph County, Mo., July 15, 1900.

(4) **John L. McConnell**, fourth child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, in April, 1820. With his parents he came to Indiana in 1828, and, when he grew to manhood, moved to Illinois. He died quite suddenly at his home at Butler, Mo., May 24, 1895.

His first wife, Almira Sarjent, sister of Margaret Sarjent, his brother, Marion's, wife, died early in life leaving him with two small children, Sarah Ann and J. Lemuel.

His second wife, Elizabeth Johnson, also died early leaving two daughters, Myra and Mattie.

His third wife, Mrs. Mary Smith, also died before he, leaving six children, Franklin, Burt, Will, Emma, Cora and Dilla.

(A) **Sarah Ann Flinney**, daughter of John L. and Almira McConnell, was born in Indiana, Sept. 29, 1842; she lived to raise her family, and died in February, 1919, aged seventy-seven years.

(B) **J. Lemuel McConnell**, son of John L. and Almira McConnell, was born in Indiana, Sept. 27, 1844. October 31, 1867, he was married to Melissa Carmen in Iroquois County, Illinois, and to them were born four sons, as follows:

(i) **Otis McConnell**, son of J. Lemuel and Melissa (Carmen) McConnell, was born in 1872; he is married; lives at Hume, Mo., and has four children.

(a) **Millard McConnell**, married, and living in Kansas City, Mo.

(b) **Mildred McConnell**, in school at Pittsburg, Kansas.

(c) **Merle McConnell**, living at home with her parents.

(d) **Ruth McConnell**, living with her parents.

(iii) **Ray McConnell**, son of Lemuel and Melissa (Carmen) McConnell, is married and lives at Hume, Mo. He has three sons, as follows:

(a) **Alton McConnell**, living in Kansas City.

(b) **Raymond McConnell**, traveling with a chautauqua troupe.

(c) **Virgil McConnell**, living at home with his parents.

(iv) **Lyle McConnell**, son of J. Lemuel and Melissa (Carmen) McConnell, is married; he moved to Seattle, Washington, in 1903, where he still resides.

(C) **Myra** ———, daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Johnson) McConnell, lives with a son, Harmon, and a daughter, Mrs. Dan Dicy, on a farm near Hume, Mo. She has four children.

(i) **Harmon**, of Hume, Mo.

(ii) **Mrs. Dan Dicy**, of Hume, Mo.

(iii) **John**, married and living in Kansas City.

(iv) **Lora**, married and living in Kansas City.

(D) **Mattie McConnell**, daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Johnson) McConnell. No further record given.

(E) **Franklin McConnell**, son of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, is married and lives in Kansas City; he has two children.

(F) **Burt McConnell**, son of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, is unmarried and lives in Kansas City.

(G) **Will McConnell**, son of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, died in 1922 at his home in Clinton, Missouri, leaving a wife, one son and one daughter.

(H) **Emma** ———, daughter of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, is a widow and lives with a son in Los Angeles, Cal.

(I) **Cora Hemstreet**, daughter of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, lives in Kansas City and has one son.

(J) **Dilla Ludwich**, daughter of John L. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, lives at Butler, Mo., she has one son living in Kansas City and one daughter living at home.

(5) **Elizabeth Thompson**, daughter of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, April 22, 1821. With her parents she came to Indiana, finally settling in Warren county. There Feb. 26, 1845, she was married to Dr. Joseph Thompson (born at Reading, Pa., in 1811). To them were born twelve children, five of whom died when young. The other seven were raised in Warren County, Ind.

Dr. Thompson was a soldier in the Civil War, being a mem-



ber of Co. D., Tenth Indiana Volunteers. His death occurred in Warren county, Oct. 30, 1880, and was due to disease contracted while in the army. Mrs. McConnell also died in Warren county, June 23, 1895, and they both, together with three children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren, are buried in the Rainsville cemetery.

Following are their children:

(A) **Malinda Littell**, daughter of Elizabeth (Betty) and Dr. Joseph Thompson, was born Dec. 16, 1845. She was raised in Hamilton county, Ind., and was married to George Littell; she died near Rainsville and is buried at that place. She was the mother of three children:

- (i) **Charles Littell** and
- (ii) **Lydia Littell**, both deceased.
- (iii) **Elizabeth (Littell) Hendley**, wife of Alfred Hendley; lives near West Lebanon; they have six children.

(B) **Robert W. Thompson**, was born Feb. 9, 1847; died in 1877, at Rainsville and is buried there.

(C) **Sarah A. Coleman**, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, was born Dec. 23, 1848; married James K. Coleman a soldier of the Civil War; to them were born seven children, three of whom survive. Sarah Coleman is buried at Rainsville.

(D) **John W. Thompson**, son of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, was born Sept. 4, 1850. He was married to Anna Evans and they live at Weldona, Colorado. They are the parents of four children:

- (i) **Goldie Thompson**,
- (ii) **Florence Thompson**,
- (iii) **Gertie Thompson**,
- (iv) **Lloyd Thompson**.

(E) **Mary Jane Camp**, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, was born Jan. 27, 1852. In 1868, she went to Iowa with the family of her uncle, David McConnell, and lived with them for two years. She married Joshua Camp, a soldier of the Civil War; he died Oct. 30, 1921, and she still lives on the farm in Sullivan county, Missouri. To them were born fifteen children all but one of whom are living.

(F) **Samuel J. Thompson**, son of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph

Thompson, was born July 1, 1855. He is married and lives at Weldona, Colorado.

(G) **Ida (Thompson)** —————, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, is married and has eight children.

(H) **Elmer Thompson**, is married and has two sons.

(I) **Elma (Thompson)** —————, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, is married; has one son and one daughter.

(J) **Leatha Fisher-Hibbs**, daughter of Elizabeth and Dr. Joseph Thompson, was born Sept. 14, 1864. She was married April 1, 1883, to Samuel L. Fisher, a soldier of the Civil War, in Co. E, Eighth Cavalry, 39th Regiment of Indiana. Seven children were born to them. Mr. Fisher died in Warren county, Ind., and is buried at Rainsville. Nov. 28, 1910, she was married to Carl Hibbs, a native of Benton county, and they reside at Rainsville. Following are the children born to **Leatha and Samuel L. Fisher**:

(i) **Clara J. Fisher**, born July 16, 1883; died Sept. 3, 1889.

(ii) **Sarah E. (Fisher) May**, born Feb. 4, 1885. Married in May, 1901, to Charlie May; to them were born nine children all of whom survive except one, which died Aug. 23, 1906.

(iii) **Laura E. (Fisher) Hillyer**, was born Aug. 24, 1889; was married to Arthur W. Hillyer of Warren county.

(iv) **Fannie L. (Fisher) Johnson**, was born May 11, 1892. She married Ben E. Johnson of Benton county, in 1911, and to them have been born five children. They live on a farm at Weldona, Colorado.

(v) **Elma A. (Fisher) Hawkins**, was born July 1, 1895; she was married to Earl Hawkins of Terre Haute. They have three daughters.

(vi) **Rutha M. (Fisher) Boswell**, was born Oct. 12, 1897. She was married July 14, 1918, to Glen R. Boswell, a soldier of the World War. To them has been born one son.

(a) **Raymond Boswell**, born August 17, 1920.

(vii) **Samuel L. Fisher**, son of Leatha and Samuel L. Fisher, was born July 19, 1902, in Pine township, Warren county. He lives with his mother at Rainsville, Ind.

(6) **James A. McConnell**, sixth child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 9, 1824.

With his parents he came to Indiana in 1828. March, 1848, he was married to Sarah McIlvaine, who died in 1861. To them were born five children,

(A) **William**, of Milford, Illinois, and

(B) **Mrs. Myra Endsley** of Minneapolis, Minn., being the only ones surviving.

In 1862, Mr. McConnell left Indiana and went to Milford, Illinois, where he engaged in the mercantile business.

In 1863 he married Anna Brown, and to them were born one son,

(C) **Hartley McConnell** of Hammond, Ind. Mr. McConnell was a Master Mason and for fifty years a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Politically he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Christian church, and a man of good qualities. He possessed marked musical ability and for years was instructor of music on the violin and leader of the Milford Band.

The week before he died he visited in Oxford at the time of his brother, Marion's 60th wedding anniversary, and the evening of the night he died he had given a violin lesson. Death came to him at his home in Milford after only a few hours' illness, March 7, 1909, and interment was made at Milford. His wife lived but a few years after his death.

(7) **Margaret Jane**, twin sister of Marion, and seventh child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Highland County, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1828. Her mother carried her and Marion on horseback from Ohio to Indiana, and when she was 17 years of age they came to Benton county to live. She was married in the 1840's to Samuel McIlvaine, who later lost his life in a 30-foot fall while exploring a saltpeter cave with some comrades during the Civil War.

To them were born six children, three of whom preceded the mother in death. When the call came for soldiers to save the Union, Mr. McIlvaine enlisted in the 10th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. At this time his wife, Jane, left the farm and came to Oxford, where she spent the remainder of her life. In the 1880's she married ——— Boyd, who also preceded her in death. Death, caused by apoplexy, came to her Jan. 5, 1890, in Ludlow, Ill., where she had been visiting for five weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Anah Anderson. Her body was brought to



Oxford and laid to rest in the West cemetery. The funeral was conducted from the Christian church, in which she had long been an earnest and faithful member.

Following are three of her six children:

(A) **Silas McIlvaine**, son of Samuel and Jane McIlvaine, and a mail clerk on the Michigan Central R. R. for seventeen years, was killed in a collision when 52 years of age. He had four children:

(i) A son who died Nov. 4, 1889, at Kalamazoo, Mich., of diphtheria.

(ii) **Jessie McIlvaine**.

(iii) **Helen McIlvaine**.

(iv) **Hazel McIlvaine**.

(B) **Anah Anderson**, daughter of Jane and Samuel McIlvaine, married John Anderson. They live in Indianapolis and have one child,

(i) **Bessie Moss**, who married Irvin Moss and who with their son,

(a) **Robert Moss**, lives near her parents at Indianapolis.

(C) **Sara McIlvaine**, daughter of Jane and Samuel McIlvaine; unmarried; afflicted with blindness; lives at Indianapolis with her sister, Anah Anderson.

(D) **William McIlvaine**, son of Jane and Samuel McIlvaine, lives in Walla Walla, Washington, with his invalid wife. Three daughters, buried in Washington, and a son, buried in Indiana, have preceded them in death.

(7) **William Marion McConnell**, twin brother of Margaret Jane, and son of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born Feb. 19, 1828, in Highland county, Ohio. That year the family came to Fountain County, Indiana, the mother carrying the twins the entire distance on horseback. When seventeen years of age, Marion came with his parents to Benton county, and grew to manhood on a farm southwest of Oxford.

March 1, 1849, he was married to Margaret Sarjent, sister of his brother, John L.'s, wife, Jackson Buckles performing the ceremony. The ceremony took place at the home of her father, Jesse Sarjent, in the old brick house, nine miles southwest of Oxford, still standing at this time. Most of their married life

was spent on farms southwest of Oxford, a few years of the time being lived in Iroquois County, Illinois.

In 1852 Marion, in company with three other men, started for the California gold fields, with four yokes of oxen and a covered wagon. It took five months to make the trip, and during that time they had encounters with the Indians and wild animals, swam swollen streams and endured many hardships. He remained in California over a year, returning home via the Isthmus of Panama and New York City.

In 1861 he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, in Co. D., Sixtieth Indiana Volunteers, and later in Co. K., One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteers, being in the service three and one-half years. When he enlisted in the army his wife moved to Oxford and here they spent the remainder of their days.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell lived together sixty-three years, and on their sixtieth anniversary their children held a reception for them; it was for them a memorable occasion, many of their relatives, friends and members of the G. A. R. being present.

Mrs. McConnell was born on Shawnee Prairie, Fountain county, Ind., Feb. 18, 1832; departed this life May 19, 1912. at Oxford, Indiana.

Mr. McConnell was a member of the local G. A. R. Post and a member of the Christian church. Death came to him July 9, 1916, at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 20 days.

To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were born ten children, as follows.

(A) **Alonzo McConnell**, died in infancy.

(B) **Mary Jane Jackson**, daughter of Marion and Margaret McConnell, married George Jackson while making her home in Kansas. They now live at Battle Ground, Ind. Their children are:

(i) **Beulah Graefnitz**, wife of Albert Graefnitz. They live at Lake Village, Illinois, and have two children:

(a) **Russell Graefnitz**.

(b) **Ruth Graefnitz**.

(ii) **Wilbur Jackson**, son of Mary J. and George Jackson, married Bess Scott; they live at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and have two children,

(a) **Royal Jackson**.

(b) **Alexander Jackson.**

(iii) **Hubert Jackson**, son of Mary J. and George Jackson, married Mary Reynolds; they live at Ft. Wayne, Ind, and have two children.

(C) **Anna E. Pagett**, daughter of Marion and Margaret McConnell, married Robert F. Pagett. They made their home in Oxford, and it was here that Mr. Pagett died and was buried in the West cemetery. Mrs. Pagett moved to Gary, Indiana, about fifteen years ago, and that is her home at present. She, and all of her father's descendants, are members of the Christian church. The children of Anna and Robert Pagett are:

(i) **Virgil W. Pagett**, was born May 29 (about 1874); is vice-president of the Mudge Motor Co., and his work consists much in travel over the whole United States. He married Edith Klump and they have one son,

(a) **Albert Pagett.**

(ii) **Margaret Wroe Pagett**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 30 (about 1876), and taught a number of years in the Oxford school. She lives with her mother at Gary, where she has a position as bookkeeper.

(iii) **William Milton Pagett**, was born in Oxford, Ind., August 7 (about 1879). Graduated from the Oxford high school in 1897. His present home is in Gary where he is a carpenter. He is also a capable musician, the clarinet being his chosen instrument. His wife, Sylvia, to whom he was married November 9, 1909, died March 7, 1920, leaving him with two small children,

(a) **William Dale Pagett**, who makes his home in Oxford with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Horn, and

(b) **Robert Pagett**, who since his birth has lived in the home of his great-aunt, Lulu (McConnell) Alexander.

(iv) **Arthur G. Pagett**, was born at Oxford, Ind., October 26 (about 1881); married Ethel Taylor, and they reside at Los Angeles, California; they have one child,

(a) **Edna Jean Pagett.** *born 9-15-20*

(v) **Mary E. Hickman**, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 19, 1884. She married George W. Hickman, a carpenter, and they reside at Oxford. They have two children,

(a) **Robert Smith Hickman**, born Oct. 22, 1909.

(b) **Thelma Marian Hickman**, born March 18, 1912.



(vi) **Ruth M. Patrick**, daughter of Anna and Robert Pagett, was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 2 (about 1888); she married John W. Patrick, and they live at Detroit, Michigan. They have two small children:

(a) **Catherine Anna Patrick**.

(b) **Lawrence Marion Patrick**.

(D) **Wallace and Watson** (twins), sons of Marion and Margaret McConnell, were born in Oxford, Ind. Wallace died May 26, 1874, from being kicked in the stomach by a horse. Watson C. married Olie King, they live in Gas City, Ind., and have one son,

(i) **Wayne McConnell**, who married Naomi McDaniel; they live in Spokane, Washington, and have one child,

(a) **John Watson McConnell**.

(E) **Rachel L. Mitchell**, daughter of Marion and Margaret McConnell, was born in Iroquois county, Illinois; she married Samuel Mitchell, and they made their home at Battle Ground, Ind., where she died Dec. 3, 1915, after a long illness. Her children are:

(i) **Okah M. Dolph**, who married Archie Dolph; their home is at Lafayette, Indiana.

(ii) **Paul M. Mitchell**, who married Gertrude Rowen; he has been superintendent of the Hampshire, Ill., schools for two years.

(iii) **Helen Esther Mitchell**, who lives with her father at Battle Ground.

(F) **William M. McConnell**, son of Marion and Margaret McConnell, died in infancy.

(G) **Eva M. Flack**, daughter of Marion and Margaret McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., was educated as a nurse and practiced a number of years; she married Robert J. Flack, and they reside at East Liberty, Ohio.

(H) **Lulu V. Alexander**, daughter of Marion and Margaret Connell, was born in Oxford, Ind.; was educated as a nurse and the Oxford high school and engaged in teaching a number of years. She married Dr. William P. Alexander, and they reside at Gary, Indiana. Dr. Alexander's father, aged 94 years, and little Robert Pagett are both cared for in this home.

(I) **Elmer E. McConnell**, son of Marion and Margaret Mc-

Connell, was born in Oxford, Ind.; he married Tillie S. Solomon in Los Angeles, Cal., where they now reside. They have two children:

- (i) **William McConnell.**
- (ii) **Helen Margaret McConnell.**

(8) **Andrew Jackson McConnell**, youngest child of John and Elizabeth McConnell, was born in Indiana and spent all but the last twenty-five years of his life in Oxford. Since then he lived in Kansas City, where he died January 27, 1904. His wife, Phoebe, and daughter, Lizzie, lived but a short time after his death. Both Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were devout members of the Christian church. Following are their children:

- (A) **Lizzie**, who died early in the 1900's.
- (B) **William McConnell**, who lives in Western Kansas.
- (C) **Luther McConnell**,
- (D) **Samuel McConnell**, both living in Kansas City.
- (E) **Charles McConnell**, who lives in Okar, Texas.

### III. DAVID McCONNELL

third child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, Nov. 1, 1792.

He received a good education for that time, and when twenty years of age enlisted in Col. Kay's regiment and served with him under Gen. Harrison until the close of the War of 1812.

After the close of the war he farmed for a while in Highland county, Ohio. In 1822 he went to Adams county, Ohio, near the town of West Union. Here he was married to Mary (Polly) Moore, daughter of William and Keziah (Baldwin) Moore, and here also four children were born to them: Elizabeth, Baldwin, Lavica and Jasper N.

While Jasper was still an infant (1828) the family came to Fountain county, Indiana, David and his father, Hugh, having previously explored the country and found a settling place on the banks of the Wabash near Covington. Here occurred the birth of his son, Jackson D

In the year 1831 David brought his family from Fountain county to Warren county settling at Pond Grove. While living here two children were born: John Franklin and Mary; and here, too, an itinerant minister of the gospel baptised all the children.

In 1835, David pushed northward and settled in Benton county at White Oak Grove. At that time there were but two cabins in this locality, one owned by Basil Justus and standing where Frank Atkinson Sr.'s house now stands; the other an unoccupied cabin standing on the hill at what is now the Justus cemetery. This cabin, the builders of which had either been killed by Indians or had moved to other parts, was later used as the first schoolhouse.

At the northeastern corner of what is now Oxford, on the old Lafayette Road that led to Chicago, David built a log cabin, and, in the course of time, this structure was replaced by the house which now stands on the same site. The log cabin was then moved back and used as a summer kitchen.



At that early day the country consisted of vast stretches of prairie land topped by tall buffalo grass which waved and billowed in the prairie wind making the pioneers seasick, and also homesick for the Ohio hills. Swamps abounded, and ague, the disease child of swamplands, added to the discomforts and hardships they experienced. Wild game was plentiful, and, for the first fifteen years, herds of deer, ten to fifteen in a herd, could be seen at almost any time crossing the prairie.

David was interested in the happenings of the day and was associated actively with many notable persons of that time. His home was ever open to receive travelers and guests, and was a haven of hospitality and happiness.

During his life in Benton County he was at various times: Justice of the Peace, Associate Judge of Benton and Warren Counties for ten years; Associate Judge of Benton County two years; Probate Judge in Benton and Jasper Counties two years; he was twice appointed District Marshal by the governor, and he also represented his district twice in the State Legislature.

His son, J. Franklin, accredits the naming of the town of Oxford to him, and I have often heard my father, Jasper N., also his son, tell of how he was permitted to name our county "Benton" after Senator Thomas Benton of Missouri, one of his best friends.

An old sketch of his life says: "He was the father of Oxford; Mr. McConnell was a Democrat and was never defeated for office." Although reared by strict Presbyterian parents he was not a church member, but rigidly brought up his children in the church, laughingly referring to himself as "a brother-in-law of the Presbyterian church."

David and Polly (Moore) McConnell were the parents of eleven children: Elizabeth, Baldwin, Lavica, Jasper, Jackson, Mary, Frank, Benton, Thomas, Josie and George.

Polly (Moore) McConnell was born Nov. 21, 1805, and died March 19, 1846; aged 40 years, 3 months and 28 days. Her body rests in the Justus cemetery.

Six years later David was married to Mrs. Sarah Brown Blanchfill, who several years after his death, departed this life at Vienna, Illinois, and was buried there.

David lived to be ninety-two years of age, and was in ex-

cellent health and quite active until his death. One day while pulling weeds he wiped the perspiration from his face, and in so doing, touched a small sore on his lip; it became infected, erysipelas set in and death resulted in a few days. It came October, 21, 1884, and his body was buried in the Justus cemetery beside his wife, Polly, and near his mother, Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell. Histories of his descendants follow:

(1) **Elizabeth Lewis**, daughter of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, and better known as "Betsy," was born in Adams county, Ohio, August 22, 1823, and hers proved to be an eventful life, full of difficult experiences. She was married February 15, 1842, when nineteen years of age to a widower, Thomas Lewis. To them were born seven children, and, besides caring for these, she also reared a number of orphans, among them Cynthia Runyan, her two children, Arthur and Lizzie (all of whom are now dead), and Wilbur Reagan of Lafayette.

Her husband was an adventurous man, and in 1855, in a mood of restlessness he moved his family to Richland, Iowa, the Mississippi being crossed on the ice. After four years' residence here, they pushed on to California. It was while living in Iowa that their son, David, a markedly intelligent boy, fell while climbing in a barn and fractured his skull, resulting in an affliction from which he is still suffering.

After many thrilling experiences with Indians and wild animals while crossing the plains in 1859, they arrived in California at a place called Vina. In 1862 the husband, Thomas Lewis, died and was buried in California, near their home, in the Sill's Peach Orchard Burying ground. The following year a daughter, Lavica Prudence, was drowned on her eighteenth birthday, July 4, 1863, and was buried at Sills Peach Orchard Burying Ground.

Mrs. Lewis, with the help of her children, kept up the farm, raising cattle, horses and fruit until 1873, when her brother, Jasper N., went to California and brought her and her family back to her relatives and friends at Oxford, Indiana; she made her home on a farm one mile north of town, and afterwards in Oxford, until her death which occurred April 16, 1899, when she was seventy-five years of age.

While in Iowa she joined the United Brethren church, but



upon returning to Oxford she identified herself with the Presbyterian church. Her body was laid to a deserved rest in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

(A) **Mary Jane Lewis**, born January 27, 1843, at Oxford, Indiana; died of croup when two years old.

(B) **Lavica Prudence Lewis**, born July 4, 1845, at Oxford, Indiana; drowned at Vina, California, July 4, 1863; buried there in the Sills Peach Orchard Burying Ground.

(C) **David Thomas Lewis**, born at Oxford, Ind., July 17, 1848; completed what education the schools of that day afforded; he has never married, and has made his home since 1898 with his brother, Frank. He now resides near Buda, Nebraska.

(D) **Martha Matilda Kiger**, daughter of Betsy and Thomas Lewis, was born at Oxford, Ind., May 17, 1852; she completed the public school in California and later attended a school in Frankfort, Indiana. For several years she ran a millinery shop at Oxford, and September 5, 1894, she was married to Jacob Kiger, a widower. Mattie was an active member of the Oxford Christian church and was a pioneer in the work of the W. C. T. U. in Benton county.

Her death resulted from cancer of the neck, March 17, 1904, at Oxford and she was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(E) **Amelia Lewis**, was born in Oxford, Ind., and died at birth Dec. 11, 1853.

(F) **John Franklin Lewis**, was born at Richland, Iowa. He attended the public schools in California and later the Oxford Academy, Oxford, Ind., under Mrs. Hannah Wilmoth. Mr. Lewis has always been a farmer, and now lives on a farm near Buda, Nebraska. September 27, 1888, he was married to Sarah Isabel (Sadie) Patterson at her father's home near St. Edward, Nebraska. Seven children were born to them as follows:

(i) **Elizabeth Belle Ferrell**, daughter of Frank and Sadie Lewis, was born at Oxford, Ind., September 12, 1889; graduated from the Osceola, Neb., high school in 1906; attended the Kearney State Normal School and taught school for one year. Was married June 4, 1912, at Northport, Neb., to Lloyd DeLos Ferrell of Kearney, where they now reside; he was at that time an accountant, but is now engaged in raising and handling potatoes; he is also treasurer of the Farm Bureau, a city councilman, and



is active in the Chamber of Commerce. To them have been born at Kearney, Neb., two children:

(a) **Wendall Lewis Ferrell**, August 13, 1913, and

(b) **Lola Louise Ferrell**, Dec. 27, 1915.

(ii) **Arta Marie Lewis**, daughter of Frank and Sadie Lewis, was born in Oxford, Indiana, July 12, 1893; she was graduated from the St. Edward, Neb., high school in 1910, and taught school for seven years, attending the Kearney State Normal during the summer term for several summers, she was graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Nursing in 1921 and is now superintendent of nurses at the Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital at Hastings, Nebraska.

(iii) **Thomas Trimble Lewis**, son of Frank and Sadie Lewis, was born in Oxford, Ind., October 26, 1895. Attended high school at Bridgeport, Neb., also the Kearney State Normal for one year. He had then taken a clerical position when, as a member of the Nebraska Militia, he was called to the Mexican border June, 1916. He returned to Nebraska in January, 1917, but was recalled to the colors in April of that year, when war was declared on Germany, and was placed in the 127th Heavy Artillery, Battery E. He was in training at Camp Cody, New Mexico, and was detained there so long that he asked for and received a transfer to the casuals, and thus got to sail for France in June, 1918; here he was placed in the 119th Light Artillery, Battery C., where he saw active service. He received an honorable discharge from the army in May, 1919, and has since been farming near Buda, Nebraska.

(iv) **Viola L. Eames**, daughter of Frank and Sadie Lewis, was born in Oxford, Ind., Nov. 19, 1897. Finished common school at Angora, Neb., and attended Kearney State Normal; was postmistress at Lisco, Neb., until her marriage March 30, 1919, at Bridgeport, Neb., to Guy Otis Eames, a farmer of Lisco, Neb., where they now reside. To them have been born two children:

(a) **Mary Eames**, born at Kearney, Neb., March 31, 1920, died at birth.

(b) **Guy Franklin Eames**, born at St. Edward, Neb., June 14, 1921.

(v) **Lawrence Howard Lewis**, son of Frank and Sadie

Lewis, born January 28, 1907, at Et. Edward, Nebraska, is still a school boy.

(vi) **Floyd Franklin**, son of Frank and Sadie Lewis, born Nov. 15, 1908, at St. Edward, Neb., and died of pneumonia, March 17, 1910. Was buried at St. Edward, Nebraska.

(vii) **Marjorie Ruth Lewis**, daughter of Frank and Sadie Lewis, was born at Boone, Nebraska, Sept. 9, 1911, and is still in school.

(G) **Benton M. Lewis**, son of Elizabeth and Thomas Lewis, was born at Richland, Iowa, Dec. 19, 1858. Died at birth, and was buried at Richland.

(2) **William Baldwin McConnell**, son of David and Polly Moore McConnell, was born in Adams county, Ohio, May 10, 1825. With his parents he came to Indiana in 1828, and to White Oak Grove (Oxford) in 1835.

During his early life he was engaged in school teaching, being the first teacher who taught in the first building erected specifically as a school house in 1844.

Later he engaged in farming and the grocery business, and he filled the offices of superintendent of the County Farm and treasurer of Benton county when the county seat was located in Oxford.

Mr. McConnell was a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

He was married in 1845 to Frances Jane Howard, daughter of Hartley Howard, and to them were born eleven children, only two of whom, Isaac W. and Charles B., are now living. Jane McConnell died March 31, 1897, and he was then married to Clarinda Blessing. She also preceded him in death April 10, 1906. Mr. McConnell lived in his own home until his death, which occurred Sept. 21, 1907, and his body was laid to rest in the Justus cemetery.

Following are the children of Baldwin and Jane McConnell:

(A) **William Jasper McConnell**, son of Wm. Baldwin and Jane Howard McConnell, was born Dec. 11, 1846, southwest of Oxford on the farm now known as the Gutheridge farm.

His parents moved to Oxford when he was in his infancy, and he was thereafter a life long resident of that place, except for a short period spent at Fowler.

As he grew to young manhood he worked on the farm with his father, but early in life he entered the retail drug business, being associated with his brother, Isaac; later he was in the retail dry goods and grocery business, with D. H. Russell and John Furnas as partners.

Following this he was deputy treasurer of Benton county under his father while Oxford was yet the county seat, and when the court house was moved to Fowler he lived there until the expiration of his term of office.

For a short time thereafter he was employed as clerk in Wm. H. Kelly's grocery store. He then became cashier of the bank of Oxford and president of the banking firm of McConnell & Co., at Otterbein, Ind., being a stockholder of both institutions. After ten years spent in the banking business he entered the real estate, loan and insurance business in which he was active as the senior member of the firm of W. J. McConnell & Sons until within a few days of his death. As a business man he was efficient and progressive, a citizen deeply interested in the welfare of his home town and community.

Mr. McConnell united with the Presbyterian church at Oxford August 8, 1890, and was an elder at the time of his death. He was also a member of the order of F. & A. M. and of the Order of Eastern Star.

He died Aug. 10, 1921, after a week's illness due to uremic poisoning. The funeral service was conducted from the Presbyterian church, and interment made in the Justus cemetery.

On Jan. 9, 1873, he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Smith, a native of South Carolina, and to them were born six children, as follows:

(i) **Ada Dell Harman**, eldest child of Wm. Jasper and Mary (Smith) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Jan. 15, 1874. Her entire life has been spent here with the exception of two years—one of which was spent in Arkansas, the other in New Mexico. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1891, and entered Earlham college where she took a course in music and art and specialized in wood carving.

She is a member of Oak Grove Chapter O. E. S., No. 128, and of the National Society of D. A. R. In early life she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but on April 6, 1892,



transferred her membership to the Oxford Presbyterian church.

On Jan. 3, 1894, she was united in marriage with William McClun Harman, a native of Winchester, Va., and to this union were born three children, Russell, Pauline and Wilma.

(a) **J. Russell Harman**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 26, 1896. He graduated from the Oxford high school and attended Purdue university for three years. At that time he went to New Mexico where he spent two years ranching. Following this he was draftsman in the office of the New Mexico division of the National Exploration Co., located at Roswell, N. M.

In April, 1921, he was transferred to the Los Angeles division, and, upon the merging of this company with the Royal-Dutch Shell Co., he was promoted to the Santa Fe Springs division, which position he still holds.

He resides at Los Angeles, California.

Russell united with the Presbyterian church at Oxford, March 1, 1903. He is also a member of the Masonic order and of the Acacia Fraternity.

He was married Dec. 19, 1919, to Lucille Woodard of Sterling, Colorado, and to them has been born one child:

(\*) **William Hamilton Harman**, born Dec. 2, 1921.

(b) **Pauline Bond Harman**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 4, 1900; after graduating from the Oxford high school in 1918, she attended Brenau College Conservatory at Gainesville, Ga., for two years, taking the two courses, Liberal Arts and Oratory. She gained several honors in her Oratory work before entering college, and while at Brenau was elected to the Professional Dramatic Sorority, Zeta Phi Eta. She attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., for two years and graduated in 1922, receiving the B. A. degree and diploma of Speech Arts. During the past year she has been teaching Public Speaking in Iron Mountain, Mich. She united with the Presbyterian church, Oxford, Indiana, Nov. 6, 1910.

(c) **Wilma Josephine Harman**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 21, 1902; after graduating from the Oxford high school in 1920, she entered Northwestern university in September, 1920, as a Liberal Arts and Oratory. student. She was initiated into the Beta chapter of Zeta Phi Eta. She is also studying at the

university, continuing there her violin training. She united with the Presbyterian church, Oxford, Ind., February, 1913.

(ii) **Lon Dee McConnell**, son of Wm. Jasper and Mary (Smith) McConnell, was born at Stuttgart, Arkansas, May 8, 1877. After graduating from the Oxford high school in 1895 he worked with his father in the insurance office under the name "W. J. McConnell & Son." He then accepted the position of state adjuster for Indiana for the Continental Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y., and is now Indiana state agent for the farm department of the American Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J.

He joined the Presbyterian church at Oxford, April 2, 1891, and he is also a member of the Masonic order.

On May 22, 1901, in the old Presbyterian church, he was married to Lola Louise McConnell, and to them two children were born, Tyrrell and Virginia. Feb. 12, 1910, after a six days' illness of pneumonia, Lola died; her funeral was held from the Presbyterian church and interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

The two little children were cared for by their father's parents until he again was married Sept. 8, 1912, to Mrs. Ida Garrison. To this union one child, Mary Ruth, was born.

At the time of his second marriage, Lon moved his family to Lafayette, but in the spring of 1923 went to Indianapolis where they now reside. The children of Lon D. and Lola Louise McConnell are:

(a) **Tyrrell McConnell**, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 6, 1902; graduated from Jefferson high school, Lafayette, January, 1921, and is now a junior in Northwestern university. He is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

(b) **Virginia McConnell**, daughter of Lon and Lola McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 12, 1904. She graduated from the Jefferson high school, Lafayette, in January, 1923, and now resides in Indianapolis with her parents. She expects to enter the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, in the fall.

(c) **Mary Ruth McConnell**, daughter of Lon D. and Ida McConnell, was born in Lafayette, Oct. 19, 1920.

(iii) **Clara McConnell**, daughter of Wm. Jasper and Mary (Smith) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 2, 1879, and

died March 17, 1892, after a long illness of Bright's disease, which resulted from scarlet fever. Burial was made in the Justus cemetery.

(iv) **Burt Drell McConnell**, son of W. J. and Mary E. (Smith) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., March 14, 1886. He graduated from the Oxford high school in May, 1905. He entered the Indianapolis Business college the same year. After taking a course there he accepted a position in the Bank of Oxford. In 1907 he was transferred to the First National Bank of Lafayette. In 1910 he was appointed cashier of the Purdue State Bank of West Lafayette. In 1913 he resigned his position there, went to Roswell, New Mexico, and engaged in the Abstract and Insurance business. In 1918 he went to Denver, Col., where he still resides, and is with the Banker's Trust of Denver. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and joined the Presbyterian church Oct. 17, 1898.

On Oct. 27, 1915, he married Bertha Hanna Heath of Lafayette, Ind. To this union one child has been born:

(a) Mary Alice McConnell, born at Roswell, N. M., Feb. 14, 1917.

(vi) **Will Deland McConnell**, son of Wm. Jasper and Mary (Smith) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., March 4, 1888. After graduating from the Oxford high school in 1907, he took a course at the Indianapolis Business college, and then for a while worked in his father's office.

In 1912 he moved to Ft. Stockton, Texas, but returned the following year and entered into partnership with his father in the Real Estate Loan and Insurance Co., which firm he now controls.

He is a member of the Masonic order, of the order of K. of P., and became a member of the Presbyterian church at Oxford Oct. 17, 1898, in which he now holds the office of deacon.

July 6, 1910, he was married to Agnes McGiffin, a native of Illinois, and to them have been born the following three children:

(a) **Frances Elizabeth McConnell**, born at Ft. Stockton, Texas, Oct. 6, 1912.

(b) **Esther Jean McConnell**, born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 7, 1914.



(c) **Rosemary DeForest McConnell**, born at the Home hospital, Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 5, 1917.

(vii) **Jasper Donald McConnell**, sixth child of W. J. and Mary (Smith) McConnell, was born May 5, 1892, at Oxford, Ind. After graduating from the Oxford high school in 1910 he assisted in his father's office. During the war he was in the postal service, and at the present time is state agent for the Fire Association of Philadelphia for North and South Dakota with residence in Fargo, North Dakota. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Presbyterian church, having united with the latter March 9, 1903. He was married to Ruby Chapman of Fowler, Ind., Sept. 2, 1916. To this union three children have been born:

(a) **Mary Ann**, born Nov. 27, 1917, at Fowler, Ind.

(b) **Beatrice**, born Aug. 22, 1919, at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

(c) **William Jasper**, born May 25, 1921. Died Feb. 25, 1922, at Sioux Falls, S. D.; the body was brought to Oxford, Ind., and buried in the Justus cemetery.

(B) **David Robert McConnell**, son of Wm. Baldwin and Jane (Howard) McConnell, was born near Oxford, Ind., March 4, 1848. His early life was spent on the farm, but, when he had completed his schooling in the township schools and Oxford Academy, he taught several years in the Benton county schools. One year was spent in Shelby county, Mo., with Rev. James J. Wilson and family, and while there he was ill a number of months with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

When he returned to Oxford he engaged in the shoe business until 1879; he then went to Michigan City, Ind., where he filled a responsible position for seventeen years. In 1896 he resigned this position to work for the Hascalls & Barker Corporation Co., at Michigan City. He was filling this position when he was stricken with paralysis in 1902.

He then returned to his old home, Oxford, and there died, June 14, 1908. Interment was made in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

April 9, 1871, David was married at Oxford to Ellen Garrity and to them six children were born. After her husband's death Mrs. McConnell made her home at Monticello with her daughter, Nellie, and there death came to her Nov. 10, 1916. Her body

was brought to Oxford and interment made in the Justus cemetery.

(i) **John Frederick McConnell**, son of David and Ellen McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 31, 1871. When eight years of age he moved with his parents to Michigan City, Ind., where he grew to manhood. He received his education in the schools of that city and afterwards took a business course.

For a number of years he was head bookkeeper for the Ford & Johnston Chair Co., of Michigan City; this position he resigned in 1917 to accept one as accountant for the Chalmers Motor Co., of Detroit, Mich., which position he still holds, with his residence at Detroit.

October 16, 1895, he was married to Sarah Moore at her home in Goodland, Ind., and to them were born four children; three of these died in infancy. One child,

(a) **Orien Tiece McConnell**, survives; he was born at Goodland, Ind., Nov. 23, 1897. He was reared in Michigan City, and received his education in the public schools of that city. In 1915 he left school to answer the call for volunteers to defend the Mexican border; there he remained until honorably discharged, when he returned to Michigan City. At that place he had a position with the Hascalls & Parker Car Co., but in 1917 he resigned this to go with his parents to Detroit, Mich., where he has employment with the Chalmers Motor Co., as sales manager.

(ii) **Nellie Elizabeth Donnelly**, daughter of David and Ellen (Garrity) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., March 3, 1873. With her parents she went to Michigan City and there grew to womanhood. She received her education in the public schools of that city, and at St. Mary's school. At the latter school she specialized in music, and for a number of years taught piano. She was married Oct. 29, 1895, to Thomas C. Donnelly; they made their home at Monticello, Ind., and she, with her children, still resides there.

Mr. Donnelly died April 14, 1914.

To Nellie and Thomas Donnelly were born five children the third of whom died in infancy; the others are:

(a) **Lillian Donnelly Cover**, was born at Monticello, Ind., Jan. 5, 1897. When twelve years of age she moved with her parents to Plainview, Texas, but after a year and a half returned



to Monticello. She was graduated from the high school of that city in 1914 and later from the St. Ignatius Academy at Lafayette. She also attended business college. For three years she was bookkeeper at the Marshall-Field Thread Mill at Monticello, but this position she gave up and was married May 23, 1917, to Harrel E. Cover of Reynolds, Ind. Nineteen months later, Dec. 21, 1918, Mr. Cover died of pneumonia as the result of influenza, and Lillian returned to Monticello where she resides with her mother and fills her former position with the Marshall-Field Thread Company.

(b) **Thomas E. Donnelly**, son of Nellie and Thomas Donnelly, was born at Monticello, Ind., April 15, 1898. After graduating from the Monticello high school he took employment with the Pennsylvania R. R. as clerk. In 1919 he was appointed agent at Schererville, Ind., and has since been promoted to agent at Stelvider, Ohio.

(d) **Merle Elizabeth Donnelly**, fourth child of Nellie and Thomas Donnelly, was born at Monticello, Ind., April 24, 1903. She attended the Monticello schools, the Sacred Heart Academy at Ft. Wayne and the St. Lavonis school at Chicago. She has marked musical ability. She resides with her mother, and for the past four years has been employed as long distance operator for the Monticello Telephone Company.

(e) **David Felix Donnelly**, was born in Monticello, Ind., Jan. 16, 1905, and is a senior in the Monticello high school. He resides in that city with his mother.

(iii) **Orien Owen McConnell**, son of David and Ellen McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 23, 1875, and in 1879, moved with his parents to Michigan City; he died in that city in 1883, when eight years old, of diphtheria and was buried there in the Catholic cemetery.

(iv) **Mary Jane Kepka**, daughter of David and Ellen McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 3, 1877. As a child she went with her parents to Michigan City, Ind., where she attended the city schools and St. Mary's school. June 14, 1900, she was married to Frank B. Kepka; they lived in Michigan City two years; Marion, Ind., three years, and at Atlanta, Ga., at the time of her death. In June 1908 she was called to Oxford by the last illness of her father and while here was taken suddenly ill



and in a few hours died. The funeral was conducted from St. Patrick's church and interment made in the Catholic cemetery, Oxford.

To Mary and Frank Kepka were born four children all of which died in infancy except the eldest.

(a) **James Franklin Kepka**, was born at Marion, Ind., March 16, 1903. When three years old he moved with his parents to Atlanta, Georgia. Upon the death of his mother in 1908, he was cared for by his grandmother, Ellen McConnell, and his aunt, Philomena Cline, until 1914 when he went with his father to Portland, Oregon, where he still resides.

(v) **Irene McConnell and Philomena Mildred Cline**, twin daughters of David and Ellen McConnell, were born at Michigan City, Ind., Oct. 15, 1880. Irene died July 19, 1881, of cholera infantum, and is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery Michigan, City.

Philomena grew to womanhood at Michigan City; there at St. Mary's school she received her education showing marked ability, as did also her sister Mary, as a vocal singer. Feb. 21, 1900, she was married to Carl A. Cline of China Grove, N. C., for a number of years they lived in Michigan City, where he was employed as bookkeeper for the Ford & Johnson Chair Co.; when his health failed they moved to Atlanta, Ga., and later to China Grove, N. C., where he died of pulmonary tuberculosis March 2, 1908. Philomena (Phil) returned North in 1911 and for a time resided in Oxford, Ind., where she conducted a millinery shop. After a couple of years she went to Chicago where, with her family, she now resides.

To Philomena and Carl Cline were born four children as follows:

(a) **Helen Cline Myrick**, was born at Michigan City, Ind., Feb. 20, 1901. As a child she moved to Atlanta, Ga., with her parents; from there to China Grove, N. C., and, later to Oxford, Ind. In 1914, with her mother, she moved to Chicago; here she attended the St. Ambrose school and on Dec. 2, 1920, was married to Jack Myrick of Gallop, New Mexico, at which place they reside. She is the mother of one child,

(\*) **Jack Myrick Jr.**, born in Chicago, Sept. 25, 1921.

(b) **Carl Edward Cline**, was born at Michigan City, Ind., May 7, 1902. Lived with his parents at Atlanta, Ga., China

Grove, N. C., Oxford, Ind., and in 1914 moved with his mother to Chicago where he is employed on the Nickle Plate R. R.

(c) **Philomena Mildred Cline**, was born at Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 15, 1904, moved as a baby with her parents to Atlanta, Ga.; lived at China Grove, N. C., Oxford, Ind., and in 1914 moved with her mother to Chicago. There she graduated from the St. Ambrose school in 1921 and then attended the Chicago School of Art.

(d) **James Fredrick Cline**, was born at China Grove, N. C., Feb. 13, 1908. When three years of age he came with his mother to Oxford, Ind., and in 1914 moved with her to Chicago where they still reside. He is in the freshman year at the St. Ambrose high school.

(C) **Isaac Wilson McConnell**, son of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Nov. 30, 1849. He received his education at the Oxford Academy, and on Oct. 3, 1872, was married to Mary Elizabeth White, daughter of Manley E. and Catherine White, also of Benton county. To them were born eight children, five of whom are living.

In early life and for many years Mr. McConnell was engaged in the drug business, and also practiced dentistry living at Oxford, Ind., East Lynn, Ill., Winimac, Ind., Chattanooga, Tenn., and now at Indianapolis, Ind. At present he is employed as buyer for the McConnell Grain Corporation of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. McConnell's death occurred at Indianapolis a few years ago as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident, and she is buried in Crown Hill cemetery of that city. Since her death Mr. McConnell has made his home in Indianapolis with his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Coneway.

Following are the children of Isaac and Mary (Mollie) E. McConnell:

(i) **Forest Everton Arnett**, daughter of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Sept. 13, 1873. She was married in 1898 to Wm. N. Arnett, son of Samuel Arnett of Fortville, Hancock Co., Ind. Mr. Arnett is a graduate of Purdue university, and has been a pharmacist in Indianapolis since 1895. Forest died at Indianapolis May 1, 1919, and is buried in Crown Hill cemetery, at Indianapolis. She was the mother of two children:



(a) **Mary Elizabeth Arnett**, born in Indianapolis, Ind., May 3, 1899. She was graduated from the Shortridge high school, Indianapolis, and is at present a student at Butler college, a talented musician and a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.

(b) **Samuel Wilson Arnett**, was born in Indianapolis Feb. 25, 1911.

(ii) **Laura Lorena McConnell**, daughter of Isaac and Mary E. McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 21, 1876. Died at Oxford about 1878, and was buried in the West cemetery.

(iii) **Lottie Acton Coneway**, daughter of Isaac and Mary E. McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 20, 1878. She received a high school education, and was married to Charles Wesley Coneway, son of C. S. Coneway of Crown Point, Ind. Mr. Coneway has been employed in the railway mail service since 1884, and they have lived in Indianapolis all their married life. Two children have been born to them:

(a) **Charles Wesley Coneway Jr.**, was born at Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 26, 1903; was graduated from the Arsenal Technical school, Indianapolis in 1921, and at present is a student of electrical engineering at Purdue university. He is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

(b) **Marguerite Ethel Coneway**, was born at Indianapolis, Sept. 29, 1905, and is a senior in the Arsenal Technical school at Indianapolis.

(iv) **Earl Elroy McConnell**, son of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born at East Lynn, Ill., June 6, 1880. After he received his high school education he was married to Sadie Sweeney, who with her infant son soon passed away. Later he was married to Josephine Wright and to them a daughter was born in 1910.

For a number of years Earl was connected with the Cleveland Grain Co., but at present resides at Buffalo, N. Y., where he is president of the McConnell Grain Corporation of Buffalo.

(v) **Bessie Vera Valdenaire**, daughter of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born Jan. 2, 1884, at East Lynn, Ill. She was married in Indianapolis to John Valdenaire, and they reside in Indianapolis where Mr. Valdenaire is in the lumber business and is a builder and contractor.



(vi) **Elma White Lowry**, daughter of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born Feb. 19, 1888, at Chattanooga, Tenn. She was married to Herbert P. Lowry in 1905, and four children were born to them. They lived in Indianapolis all their married life, and it was there her sudden death occurred June 22, 1923. Interment was made in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis. The children of Elma and Herbert Lowry are:

(a) **Charles Robert Lowry**, born at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 11, 1906.

(b) **Martha Lowry**, born at Indianapolis, May 9, 1909.

(c) **Jean Lowry**, born at Indianapolis, Oct. 22, 1910.

(d) **James Paul Lowry**, born in Indianapolis, April 30, 1914.

(vii) **Catherine Frances Jackson**, daughter of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born July 2, 1891. In 1910 she was married to Lloyd Everett Jackson of Indianapolis, but their present home is at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. To them have been born three children:

(a) **Richard Wayne Jackson**, was born in Indianapolis, Ind., March 17, 1914.

(b) **Donald D. Jackson**, was born Dec. 16, 1917.

(c) **Lloyd E. Jackson**, was born Sept. 26, 1922.

(viii) **Myron Milton McConnell**, son of Isaac and Mary (White) McConnell, was born Oct. 20, 1895; he married Irene Odle and one son has been born to them,

(a) **Jean McConnell**.

(D) **Serena Josephine McConnell**, daughter of Baldwin and Jane McConnell was born in Oxford, Ind., Jan. 25, 1851; died there March 29, 1852, and is buried in the McConnell cemetery.

(E) **George Washington McConnell**, son of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Oct. 12, 1853; died Sept. 21, 1854, and is buried in the McConnell cemetery.

(F) **Perry Austin McConnell**, son of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, and best known as "Pet," was born at Oxford, Ind., Feb. 28, 1855; died Oct. 14, 1879, at the age of twenty-four years. He is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(G) **Luther Wright McConnell**, son of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 6, 1857; died at the age of twenty-two years, Dec. 2, 1879. Interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

(H) **Fred Elmer McConnell**, son of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born Jan. 24, 1859; died Aug. 22, 1860, and was buried in the McConnell cemetery.

(I) **Elizabeth Lorena Gwin**, daughter of Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 28, 1860, and received her schooling at the Oxford Academy.

After teaching school a few years she was married to Ancel Beecher Gwin, March 11, 1882. They made Oxford their home until 1904, when they moved to Altus, Okla.; there Dec. 28, 1906, occurred her death as the result of cancer. Her body was brought back to Oxford. The funeral service was held in the Methodist church of which she had long been a member, and interment was made in the West cemetery.

Mr. Gwin's death came two years later, Aug. 24, 1908, at Oxford, and he was buried beside his wife.

To Elizabeth and Beecher Gwin were born five children as follows:

(i) **Cora Agnes (Gwin) Cooper**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 28, 1884. After graduating from the Oxford high school in 1903, she taught school at Parish Grove. Oct. 17, 1906, she was married to Arthur D. Cooper, a farmer of near Boswell, Ind.; they made their first home near Boswell, then on a farm at Pond Grove where her great grandfather, David McConnell, settled in Warren county, and on which the family graves are located; and they now reside one mile north of Oxford.

To Cora and Arthur Cooper have been born two daughters,

(a) **Sara Elizabeth Cooper**, born near Boswell, Ind., Feb. 27, 1908. Is now a sophomore in the Oxford high school.

(b) **Frances Lorene Cooper**, was born near Boswell, Ind., Jan. 17, 1913.

(ii) **Bessie Olive (Gwin) Cooper**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 27, 1886. She moved with her parents to Altus, Okla., and, after her mother's death, kept house for her father and brothers in Oxford until his death. She was married Aug. 16, 1909, to Ambrose J. Scheetz, a farmer, of near Boswell. For a time they lived near Boswell, then a mile and a quarter south of town and are now on a farm near Templeton. Two daughters have been born to Bessie and Ambrose Scheetz,

(a) **Hazel Frances Scheetz**, born near Boswell, Ind., Aug.

3, 1910; died there Aug. 27, 1912, and is buried in the Boswell cemetery.

(b) **Mildred Helen Scheetz**, born near Boswell, Ind., Aug. 6, 1913.

(iii) **Jasper Ancel Gwin**, was born at Oxford Ind., March 20, 1889. He moved with his parents to Altus, Okla., returning to Oxford upon the death of his mother. He is a farmer and dairyman, and at present lives on a farm one mile north of Oxford. He was married Dec. 14, 1911, to Edith H. Cooper of Boswell and to them have been born three children,

(a) **Thomas Beecher Gwin**, born near Boswell, Ind., April 27, 1916. Died at Oxford, Ind., of pneumonia Feb. 9, 1917, and is buried in the Boswell cemetery.

(b) **Jean Eleanore Gwin**, born at Oxford, Ind., May 16, 1918.

(c) **Ruth Mae Gwin**, born at Oxford, Ind., May 21, 1920.

(iv) **Ralph Stein Gwin**, was born at Oxford, Ind., March 3, 1893. After the death of his parents he lived with his sisters until his marriage Sept. 12, 1914, to Eva Liptrap of Boswell. For a time they lived at Boswell, then at Oxford where he clerked in his uncle, O. W. Gwin's, grocery store, and in the spring of 1923, they moved to Springville, Ind., where he is farming. Two children have been born to Ralph and Eva Gwin,

(a) **Oliver Jasper Gwin**, born at Boswell, Ind., Sept. 15, 1915.

(b) **Alice Fern Gwin**, born in Oxford, Ind., July 15, 1917.

(v) **Lorena Alice Gwin**, daughter of Elizabeth and Beecher Gwin, was born at Oxford, Indiana, Aug. 5, 1895; died there May 20, 1903, and is buried in the West cemetery.

(J) **Charles Baldwin McConnell**, son of Wm. Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Nov. 19, 1866. He received his education in the Oxford Academy, and was then employed as clerk in the Bank of Oxford.

In October, 1887, he was married in the Oxford M. E. church to Etta Bryant, theirs being a double wedding in which two friends, James H. Bell and Mary Harman, were also married.

In 1890 they went to Rochester, Ind., where Mr. McConnell was cashier of a bank, and later he filled the same position at Walkerton and Ambia, Ind. In 1897 they returned to Oxford where he was engaged in selling real estate. In 1899 they went to North Yakima, Washington, where he conducted a general



merchandise store. After a few years they moved to Tacoma, Washington, and later to Corona, Cal., where he was cashier of a bank. At the present time he is president of the bank and resides at Corona, but is employed as a traveling salesman.

To Charles B. and Etta McConnell were born two sons,

(i) **Jay McConnell**, son of Charles B. and Etta (Bryant) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 2, 1889. Attended the Oregon Dental college, and while playing on the football team of that school received injuries resulting in pulmonary tuberculosis which caused his death at Corona, Cal., June 5, 1911. His body was laid to rest at Corona.

(ii) **Dee McConnell**, son of Charles B. and Etta (Bryant) McConnell, was born in Ambia, Ind., Jan. 6, 1892. He graduated from the Corona high school and took a post graduate course. He then took employment in the Corona Bank and is now holding a similar position in a bank at Los Angeles, Cal.

March 26, 1917, he was married to Blanche Willis, and they are the parents of one child,

(a) **Willis Bryant McConnell**, born Oct. 8, 1919.

(K) **Lottie Jane McConnell**, daughter of Wm. Baldwin and Jane McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Jan. 10, 1871; died Feb. 19, 1871, and is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(3) **Lavica McConnell Lewis**, third child of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born in Adams county, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1827. As a small child she came with her parents to Indiana, finally settling at White Oak Grove (Oxford) where the remainder of her life was spent.

May 28, 1850, she was married to Isaac W. Lewis, a farmer, and son of her sister Betsy's husband, Thomas Lewis, and to them were born eight children. Mrs. McConnell was for thirty-five years a faithful Presbyterian; she was noted for her hospitality, for mothering needy children and her home was a glad gathering place. Death came Dec. 29, 1901, resulting from paralysis, and was buried in the West cemetery.

After her death Mr. Lewis lived on in their home until his death which occurred Jan. 14, 1908; he was buried beside his wife. Following are the children of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis:

(A) **David William Lewis and Thomas Jasper Lewis**, twin sons of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, were born on a farm near

Oxford, Ind., July 14, 1851. David William died at Oxford in 1852, and was buried in the West cemetery.

Thomas Lewis grew to manhood in Oxford and married Clara Rawlings. One child was born to them, and Mrs. Lewis died Nov. 21, 1885, of pulmonary tuberculosis at the age of twenty-five years; she is buried in the West cemetery, Oxford. After her death the child was cared for by his Grandmother Rawlings until he grew to manhood. After a time Mr. Lewis was married again and Mrs. Anna Rawlings, widow of Will Rawlings, who now resides at Bloomington, Illinois.

Mr. Lewis was for many years connected with the grain business having operated an elevator at Hoopeston and then at Ambia. Later he conducted a livery stable in Chicago and of recent years he was a traveling salesman.

He died March 20, 1920, at the home of his son, Charley, in Cordell, Okla., death being due to Emdo Carditis. He was 68 years, 8 months and 16 days old. His brother, Morris, brought the body back to Oxford, Ind., the funeral service was conducted from the Christian church, and interment was made in the West cemetery.

(i) **Charlie Rawlings Lewis**, son of Thomas and Clara Lewis, was born in Oxford, Ind., about 1882. After his mother's death he was cared for by his Grandmother Rawlings. He is married and lives at Cordell, Okla., where he is in the automobile business.

(B) **Mary Elizabeth Hall**, daughter of Isaac W. and Levicy McConnell Lewis, was born in Oxford, Indiana, Oct. 12, 1853. Was educated at the Oxford Academy, and married to Joseph R. Hall March 12, 1873. Three children blessed their union, all born in Oxford, Indiana. She, with her husband and children, moved to Kokomo, Ind., Sept. 1887., where he husband engaged in the lumber business and real estate until Sept. 1891. They then moved to Indianapolis where the entire family united with the Tabernacle Presbyterian church. After several weeks' illness with kidney trouble she passed away on Sept. 24, 1907, and her remains were laid to rest in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis.

(i) **Charles Edgar Hall**, son of Joseph R. and Mary E. Hall, was born March 10, 1874. Had a common school and commercial education. Has filled several positions of trust and honor,

and is president of the Hall-Neal Furnace Company, Indianapolis, Ind. Married Grace McCune June 9, 1897. They have one daughter,

(a) **Marrion Virginia Boone**, born Sept. 14, 1902. She was graduated from Tudor Hall School for Girls June 2, 1920, and was married to Fred Sawtelle Boone Jr., Feb. 3, 1923.

(ii) **Etha May Krug**, daughter of Joseph R. and Mary E. Hall, was born April 19, 1877. Was graduated from Tudor Hall School for Girls in 1896. Was married to Doctor Henry Stewart Krug Oct. 22, 1898. They immediately went to St. Louis, Mo., where Doctor Krug and Doctor McClain organized the McClain Orthopaedic Sanitarium for the cure of crippled and deformed children, which, under the direction of Doctor Krug, has grown to be the largest institution of its kind in the world. Doctor and Mrs. Krug have three children, all born in St. Louis, Mo. They are:

(a) **Fred Hall Krug**, was born Aug. 18, 1899.

(b) **Lewis Stewart Krug**, was born Dec. 5, 1901.

(c) **Henry S. Krug Jr.**, was born Oct. 21, 1909.

(iii) **Joseph Emmett Hall**, son of Joseph R. and Mary E. Hall, was born January 8, 1884. Was graduated from Shortridge high school, Indianapolis in 1901. In 1906 graduated from Purdue University, as civil engineer, and is president of the Hall Construction Company, Indianapolis. Married Marrion W. Milne of Chicago, Ill., March 16, 1912, who graduated from Chicago University in 1907. They have one son,

(a) **Gordon Emmett Hall**, born Nov. 24, 1914, at Indianapolis, Ind.

(C) **Hamer Wattles Lewis**, son of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., Oct. 13, 1855. He received his schooling at Oxford Academy, and was married at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 9, 1876, to Mary Jane Julian, who was born at Independence, Ind., March 20, 1859. They have made their home at various places, but about ten years ago Mrs. Lewis fell heir to a large farm near Williamsport through her uncle, William Smith, and since that time this farm has been their home.

Eight children were born to Hamer and Mary (Mollie) Lewis as follows:

(i) **William C. Lewis**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Oct. 26,



1876. He attended school at Swanington and Oxford; was married to Mary Dickens at Oxford, and three children were born to them,

- (a) **Freda Wanita Lewis**, born at Oxford, Ind., in 1896.
- (b) **Russell Lewis**, born at Oxford, Ind., in 1898.
- (c) **Bertram Lewis**, born at Oxford, Ind., in 1900.

Mr. Lewis is married a second time and lives at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he is a blacksmith.

(ii) **Guy Walter Lewis**, was born at Oxford, Ind., June 17, 1879. In 1900 he was married to Hattie Wayman of Medora, Ind., and there children were born to them. Guy died in Indianapolis in December 1911. The children of Guy and Hattie Lewis are:

- (a) **Evelyn Lewis**, born in 1900.
- (b) **Mary Jane Lewis**, born in 1907.
- (c) **Lawrence Lewis**, born in 1909.

(iii) **Della Josephine (Lewis) Dubanks**, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 12, 1881. For many years she made her home with her grandparents, Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis. She was married to Frank Dubanks of Kankakee, Illinois.

(iv) **Mayme (Lewis) Schinner**, was born at Oxford, Ind., July 20, 1883. She graduated from the grade school at Oxford and from the high school at Columbus, Ind. She was married to George Schinner of Columbus, Ind., in 1900. She has since made her home in Columbus but expects to go this fall to live in Chicago with her daughters.

Five children were born to Mayme and George Schinner as follows:

(a) **Thelma Schinner**, born at Columbus, Ind., Sept. 22, 1901, graduated from the Columbus high school and as a nurse from the Lakeside Hospital, Chicago. Is night superintendent of the City Hospital at Woodstock, Illinois.

(b) **Josephine Schinner**, born in Columbus, Ind., Feb. 17, 1904; graduated from the Columbus high school and from the Lakeside Hospital, Chicago, as a nurse.

(c) **Georgia Schinner**, born in Columbus, Ind., Feb. 7, 1906; graduated from the Columbus high school and now in nurses' training at the Lakeside Hospital, Chicago.

(d) **Lewis Schinner**, was born in Columbus, Ind., June 26, 1908, and that is his present home.

(e) **Rosalie Schinner**, born in Columbus, Ind., Dec. 26, 1911, and lives with her mother.

(v) **Jennie V. (Lewis) Brown**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Dec. 20, 1887. She attended college at Valparaiso, Ind., and was married to Harry Brown, a musician, of Indianapolis, where they reside. Two children have been born to them,

(a) **Juanita Marie**, born in Indianapolis, May 18, 1911.

(b) **Harry Lewis Brown Jr.**, born in Indianapolis, Jan. 28, 1922.

(vi) **Fred Isaac Lewis**, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 7, 1890; was married to Hazel Mundy of Mt. Carmel, Ill., Fred was a soldier in the World War and is now located at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he is employed as a barber. He is the father of one child,

(a) **Isabella Lewis**, born June, 1911.

(vii) **Lottie Marie (Lewis) Calvert**, was born in Otterbein, Ind., May 21, 1894. She was married to R. C. Calvert of Indianapolis, a soldier of the World War; he is an electrician and they reside at Chicago.

(viii) **Joe Emmet Lewis**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 2, 1897. He was married to Blanche Fullenlove of Williamsport. Joe was a soldier of the World War, and, upon his discharge at the close of the war, was a farmer until he was appointed postmaster at Williamsport, which office he still holds.

(D) **Morse Homer Lewis**, son of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., Dec. 28, 1857. He attended the Oxford Academy and Valparaiso Business college. He worked on the farm until grown to manhood and then managed the Oxford Grain Elevator.

In 1887 he went to Hoopeston, Ill., and that place has since been his home. There he first engaged in the lumber business in partnership with Ham Finley; of late years he has been a contractor for brick and cement paving, stone and gravel roads. He also has farming interests.

Feb. 4, 1890, at Hoopeston, Ill., he was married to Jennie Lillian Evans of Hoopeston. Mrs. Lewis was born at Winona, Ill., Sept. 27, 1873, and died at Hoopeston, Feb. 6, 1923, of

Bright's disease. Burial was made at Hoopeston. Since her death Mr. Lewis and his daughter, Helen, have made their home together at Hoopeston.

To Morse and Lillian Lewis were born two daughters as follows:

(i) **Helen Amanda (Lewis) Baltz**, was born at Hoopeston, Ill., Dec. 24, 1890. She received her schooling at that place, and Feb. 20, 1909, was married at Joliet, Ill., to Frank Baltz, also of Hoopeston. For seven years they made their home in Utah, first at Ogden and then at Logan. There Aug. 16, 1922 occurred Mr. Baltz's death after a long illness of typhoid fever; the body was brought back and buried at Hoopeston. Since his death Helen has resided with her father, Morse Lewis, at Hoopeston. To Helen and Frank Baltz was born one son,

(a) **Lewis Baltz**, born at Denver, Col., in 1910.

(ii) **Lillian Lavica (Lewis) Earl**, was born at Hoopeston, Ill., Oct. 18, 1896. She received her education in the Hoopeston schools, at Ward Belmont in Tenn., and at Northwestern University, Chicago. Dec. 30, 1919, she was married at Hoopeston to Dr. Fred E. Earl of that place and they continue to reside there. To them has been born one child,

(a) **Cecelia Marian Earl**, born in Hoopeston, Ill., June 3, 1922.

(E) **Sarah Josephine Brunton**, daughter of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., April 3, 1860. She attended the Oxford Academy and taught school both before and after her marriage to John P. Brunton, Jan. 1, 1889. Mr. Brunton was a school teacher, and later a dentist. They made their home at Boswell and then moved to Gas City. It was while living there that her death occurred at an Indianapolis hospital following an operation for the removal of a tumor. The body was brought to Oxford, and interment made in the West cemetery. Josie was a staunch Presbyterian and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

(F) **Frank Moore Lewis**, son of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, was born on a farm one mile north of Oxford, Ind., Sept. 12, 1862. He attended the Oxford Academy and took a business course at Valparaiso. October 3, 1888, at Rensselaer, Ind., he was married to Frances Amanda Paris,, who was born in Marion



county and had for three years previous to her marriage, been a teacher in the Oxford schools. Rev. R. S. Dwiggins officiated at the ceremony.

For seven years Frank farmed near Oxford; from 1895 to 1898 he dealt in real estate at Brooklyn, N. Y., farmed near Oxford from 1901 to 1906, and in the spring of 1906 went to Langdon, Alberta, Canada, and they became British subjects in 1912.

Since going to Canada they have continued to live on the same farm, and during their stay there have increased their holdings until now they own 2,400 acres of fertile land.

Frank is a member of the Masonic order, and Mrs. Lewis of the Order of Eastern Star. They are the parents of one child, born at Rensselaer, Ind., May 8, 1891, and which died at birth.

(G) **Jennie A. Hawkins**, daughter of Lavica and Isaac W. Lewis, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., Feb. 16, 1869. She was married at Oxford Feb. 17, 1895, to Wilber Hawkins (born June 6, 1869)), Rev. D. R. Burr officiating. Mr. Hawkins was a farmer and grain dealer until ill health forced him to retire from business; they then lived in Oxford for several years, but have lived at Fowler, Ind., for about twenty years.

(4) **Jasper Newton McConnell**, fourth child of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born June 10, 1828. When he was but an infant his parents moved to Indiana, his mother carrying him in her arms on horseback the entire journey. He received his schooling in an abandoned building which stood where the Justus cemetery is now located, with his uncle, Samuel McConnell, as teacher; and also under his brother Baldwin at the Boynton school. Like all of his brothers his education did not stop with his schooling; they were all keenly interested in life, and they kept abreast of the times through their daily papers which they read attentively and intelligently.

Jasper worked on his father's farm until he attained his majority; he then bought land adjoining that of his father, and on Nov. 17, 1853, was married to Sallie Mary Wilson (Aunt Sade), who was born near Chillicothe, Highland county, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1836. Besides farming he engaged for a time in the grocery business in a building which stood at the north end of the east side of the square.

He served a long time as town trustee; was a member for

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many years of the board of directors of the Oxford Academy, being on that board at the time the Academy was constructed; and he, in partnership with Joseph Heath Sr., built what was known as the Opera Block on the north side of the square at the east end.

Like his father and brothers he was a staunch Democrat, and he often said that he, like his father, was a "brother-in-law of the Presbyterian church."

To Jasper N. and Sallie McConnell were born fourteen children, as follows:

(A) **Mary Mariah Janes**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Dec. 12, 1854, and her entire life was spent at that place. She attended the Oxford Academy, and was married May 21, 1874, to Henry J. Janes (born in Brighton, England, Jan. 4, 1850).

Mr. Janes was station agent for the L. E. & W. R. R. at Oxford for over thirty years; his death occurred June 23, 1902, and interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

Mrs. Janes was a member of the Presbyterian church having joined March 19, 1887, during the pastorate of Rev. C. T. White. Her death came at her home in Oxford Nov. 17, 1909, being due to paralysis. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, and interment made in the Justus cemetery.

To Mariah (Rie) and Henry Janes were born six daughters, as follows:

(i) **Edith Belle (Janes) Law**, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 2, 1876, and she has always lived in or near that place. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1895, and united with the Presbyterian church December, 1887, under the pastorate of Rev. C. T. White. March 28, 1899, she was married to James Arthur Law (born near Marietta, Ind., Aug. 28, 1875); he is a farmer, and they reside on a farm in the "Greenwood Settlement," northwest of Oxford.

To Edith and Arthur Law have been born four children, as follows:

(a) **Jasper Henry Law**, was born on a farm northwest of Oxford Sept. 21, 1900. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1918; he then took a **secretarial course at the Lafayette Business college**, and is studying piano and voice at the La-



fayette Conservatory of Music. In 1920 he accepted a position with the Western Indiana Gravel Co., and at the present time he is in that company's main office at Lafayette. He became a member of the Presbyterian church in 1911.

(b) **Arthur Emmet Law**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Nov. 24, 1902, and received his education in the grade schools of the township. He is a farmer, and a good judge of live stock. He united with the Presbyterian church in 1911.

(c) **Mildred Marie Law**, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 2, 1906. She received her education in the rural and Oxford grade schools and is now a junior in the Oxford high school. She united with the Presbyterian church March 25, 1917.

(d) **Doris Elizabeth Law**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 5, 1910, and is in the Oxford grade school. She became a member of the Presbyterian church March 25, 1917.

(ii) **Eva Claire (Janes) Greenwood**, was born in Oxford, Ind., November 22, 1878. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1897, and was married to Walter F. Greenwood (born July 26, 1879), Sept. 16, 1900. They made their home in Oxford where he was in the lumber business until in 1907, when failing health forced him to see another climate. The family located at French, N. M., but her death came two years later, Dec. 6, 1909, at the Oaks Home Hospital, Denver Col., from an acute attack of Bright's disease. Her body was brought back to Oxford, the funeral service held from the Presbyterian church, of which she became a member under Rev. C. T. White, and interment made in the Justus cemetery.

Two sons were born to Claire and Walter F. Greenwood,

(a) **Ermal Janes Greenwood**, born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 3, 1901. Lived in various towns in New Mexico and Oklahoma, and in 1920 with his father's family returned to Indiana, and now lives with them on a farm near Linden. He united with the M. E. church at Kirkpatrick in 1921.

(b) **Richard Marene Greenwood**, was born at Oxford, Ind., June 21, 1906. After his mother's death in Denver, Col., he was brought back to Indiana and cared for by his father's sisters. He returned to his father in New Mexico, Sept. 5, 1910; in 1920 he again came to Indiana, and now lives with his father's family on a farm near Linden, Indiana. He is a sophomore in the Lin-



den high school and became a member of the M. E. church at Kirkpatrick, Ind., in 1921.

(iii) **Lucy Daisy (Janes) Darby**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 20, 1881; she received her education in the Oxford grade school. May 14, 1902, she was married to James Clinton Darby (born May 5, 1882). They own and live on the farm north of Otterbein, Ind., where he was born. Mrs. Darby united with the Oxford Presbyterian church during the pastorate of Rev. C. T. White. Four children have been born to Lucy and Clinton Darby as follows:

(a) **James Ralph Darby**, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 23, 1903. He graduated from the Otterbein high school in 1921, and is now a junior at Purdue university where he is taking a course in agriculture. Ralph united with the Oxford Presbyterian church in 1921.

(b) **Mary Elma Darby** was born on a farm north of Otterbein, Dec. 14, 1905. She is a senior in the Otterbein high school and became a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church in 1921.

(c) **Claire Eleanor Darby**, was born Nov. 2, 1908, and died June 19, 1911, of an acute attack of colitis. She was buried in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

(d) **Lucy Virginia Darby**, was born on a farm north of Otterbein, April 3, 1911. She united with the Oxford Presbyterian church in 1921, and is receiving her education in the Otterbein schools and at the Lafayette Conservatory of Music.

(iv) **Edna May Janes**, born July 15, 1887, and died at birth.

(v) **Bessie Janes**, born Aug. 5, 1888, and died at birth. Both she and Edna May Janes are buried in the Justus cemetery.

(vi) **Josephine Marie (Janes) Greenwood**, daughter of Mariah and Henry Janes, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 24, 1894. After the death of her mother in 1909 she made her home north of Otterbein with her sister, Lucy Darby. She attended the Oxford grade school, and graduated from the Otterbein high school in 1913. Jan. 7, 1914, she was united in marriage with Walter F. Greenwood, who had formerly been married to her sister, Claire. They lived in New Mexico and Oklahoma until 1920 when they returned to Indiana, and are now living on a farm near Linden, Indiana. Marie is a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church.

Three sons have been born to Marie and Walter F. Greenwood:

(a) **Delbert Samuel Greenwood**, born at Roy, N. M., March 31, 1917.

(b) **Randall Greenwood**, born near Salasaw, Okla., Aug. 14, 1920; died in infancy, and buried at Salasaw.

(c) **Ralph Emmet Greenwood**, was born near Kirkpatrick, Ind., Feb. 16, 1921.

(B) **Virginia Josephine Steele**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Sept. 20, 1856. She attended the Oxford Academy and taught school for three years. She is an active worker of the Oxford Presbyterian church, having become a member April 20, 1884. She is also a member of the Oxford Library Board, of the Pythian Sisters, the Order of Eastern Star, and of the Old Academy Chapter, D. A. R.

August 18, 1880, she was married to Edwin Clark Steele (born at Winchester, Ind., Feb. 18, 1854). For two years they lived at Troy, Ohio, and upon returning to Oxford he engaged in the hardware and plumbing business for twenty-four years. His death occurred April 1, 1916, of arterio sclerosis and interment was made in the Justus cemetery. Since his death Mrs. Steele has been living alone in her own home.

To Josie and Clark Steele was born one son,

(i) **Roy L. Steele**, born at Troy, Ohio, May 16, 1881. He united with the Oxford Presbyterian church Nov. 21, 1894. Graduated from the Oxford high school in 1900, and from the pharmacy department, Purdue University. Was a traveling drug salesman over the west for a number of years, but has lived on a farm south of Templeton, Ind., for the past eight years.

Feb. 10, 1915, at Fowler, Ind., he was married to Mary Ethel Heath, and to them has been born one child,

(a) **Virginia Ann Steele**, born at the Home hospital, Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 28, 1918.

(C) **Walker Elwood McConnell**, son of Jaspeh N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 2, 1858. His first schooling was in a log and frame building located where Messner and Sons' Dry Goods store now stands. Later

he attended school in a building that stood on the site of the old Presbyterian church. He helped to build the old Oxford Academy, then finished his schooling in that institution.

On March 31, 1881, he was married to Minnie Bertha Henry of Sandusky, Ohio, (born Aug. 9, 1860).

He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years of age, and on March 4, 1883, began working as station agent at Oxford for the C. & E. I. R. R. This position he held for eighteen years, and on Oct. 1, 1901, resigned and moved to Lafayette, Ind., where he worked in the claim department, jointly for the L. E. & W. and Big Four railways. He held this position for seven years when ill health forced him for three years to forego all work. His health then improving he was station agent and operator at Talbot, Ind., for five years, and at the end of that time was transferred in like capacity to Dayton, Ind., which position he is still holding.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

To Walker and Bertha McConnell was born one son,

(i) **Emmet McConnell**, born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 20, 1882. Graduated from the Oxford high school in 1900; learned telegraphy under his father. Was relief agent at Mecca, Ind., regular tower man at Oxford, Ind., for three years; in August, 1902, moved to Lafayette, where he was operator for the L. E. & W. and Big Four Railroads, jointly. Promoted to Car Distributor for the L. E. & W. R. R.; in 1903 became operator for the C. I. & L. R. R.; was promoted to Train Dispatcher, and is now Assistant Chief Dispatcher.

Dec. 31, 1901, he was married to Carrie L. Woodhams (born June 30, 1882), and to them has been born one child,

(a) **Louise McConnell**, born at Lafayette, Ind., June 2, 1906; graduated in 1923 from the Jefferson high school, Lafayette.

(D) **Frank Wilson McConnell**, son of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 26, 1860, and died of scarlet fever Feb. 11, 1864. Was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(E) **Bessie Belle McConnell**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 14,



1863; died of spinal Meningitis May 12, 1869. Buried in the Justus cemetery.

(F.) **Laura McConnell**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born Aug. 26, 1865, and died at birth. Was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(G) **Eva Clara Sleeper**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 6, 1866. Attended the Oxford Academy. She is a member of the Oxford M. E. church and of the Order of Eastern Star. Dec. 29, 1896, she was married to Joseph Furnas Sleeper (born at Bridgeport, Ind., May 7, 1847). Mr. Sleeper was engaged in the real estate business and in managing his farms near Oxford until his death which resulted from cancer of the eye Oct. 18, 1921. He is buried in the West cemetery, Oxford. Since his death Mrs. Sleeper has been living alone in her own home.

To Eva and Joseph Sleeper was born one child,

(i) **Joseph Lyndall Sleeper**, born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 5, 1903; died Feb. 6, 1903, and was buried in the West cemetery.

(H) **Ida Jane McConnell**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 18, 1868; died May 21, 1869, of spinal meningitis, and was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(I) **Lucy Wilkins**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 28, 1870. She attended the Oxford Academy; April 20, 1884, she united with the Oxford Presbyterian church and is one of its most active members. She is a Pythian Sister and a member of the Eastern Star. She was united in marriage Oct. 29, 1893, to Oscar B. Wilkins, a druggist (born at Harveysburg, Fountin county, Ind., Feb. 23, 1869); they reside in Oxford where Mr. Wilkins has conducted a drug store for thirty-one years (Feb. 1892).

To Lucy and Oscar Wilkins were born three children as follows:

(i) **Ronald Brenton Wilkins**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 19, 1894. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1912 and from the Pharmacy department, Purdue University in 1916. Was employed in the laboratories of the Goodrich Rubber Co., and later was a traveling salesman for that company.

At the entrance of the U. S. into the World War he re-

signed his position and entered the service at Akron, Ohio, March 25, 1918, as a private in the gas defense section, chemical warfare corps. He was stationed at Canton, Mass., for a time, and later at Long Island, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1919, he was honorably discharged from the service as a private, and returned to his former occupation at Akron. Following this, two years were spent in Oxford in his father's drug store, and in May, 1923, he took up salesmanship with the Eli Lilly Drug Co., of Indianapolis, with headquarters at Logansport, Ind.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, is a Mason and a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

(ii) **Kenneth Warren Wilkins**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 2, 1898. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1916, and then clerked in his father's drug store until Oct. 9, 1918, when he enlisted as a private in the S. A. T. C. at Lafayette, Ind., and was assigned to Co. 2, Purdue S. A. T. C., where he received all his training. He was honorably discharged Dec. 19, 1918, and returned to Oxford. At present he is a farmer, living west of Oxford, and is in the mail service as a rural carrier on Route No. 1.

Sept. 16, 1920, he was married to Nettie Johnson (born Dec. 20, 1897), and to them has been born one child,

(a) **Rosemary Wilkins**, born at the Home hospital, Lafayette, Dec. 27, 1922.

(iii) **Mary Ethelyn Wilkins**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Feb. 9, 1907. She is a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church, of the National Order of Camp Fire Girls; is a senior in the Oxford high school, and a student of the violin and piano at the Artists Studio, Lafayette.

(J) **Nettie McConnell**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 9, 1873, and died at birth; was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(K) **Ralph Wilbur McConnell**, son of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Nov. 20, 1876. After graduating from the Oxford high school in 1895, he attended Indiana University and graduated from the Indiana Law school at Indianapolis in 1901. In partnership with his brother-in-law, J. F. Sleeper, he practiced law at Oxford until Oct. 22,

1917, when he moved to Kewanna, Ind., where he is engaged in the lumber business.

Nov. 13, 1887, he united with the Oxford Presbtyerian church, but there being no church of that denomination in Kewanna his entire family placed their letters in the M. E. church upon moving there. He is a Mason and a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

October 28, 1909, he was married at Goodland, Ind., to Lela M. Banes of that place and to them two children have been born,

(i) **Margaret Isabelle McConnell**, born in Oxford, Ind., Nov. 3, 1910; is in the grade school at Kewanna, Ind.

(ii) **Joseph Wilson McConnell**, born at Goodland, Ind., Dec. 4, 1911; attending the Kewanna grade school.

(L) **Warren Sanford McConnell**, son of Jasper N and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Oct. 5, 1878. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1895; attended Indiana University, the Indiana Law school and took a course in telegraphy at Valparaiso. Was stationed as operator on night duty at Templeton for some time; was superintendent of the Raub, Ind., schools for a number of years, and has for about fourteen years been station agent and operator at Raub for the Big Four R. R. He is a member of the Oxford Presbyterian church, having joined April 2, 1891; of the Sigma Nu Fraternity and is a Mason. 30

June 24, 1908, he was married at Kentland, Ind., to Iva M. Booty of Raub (born Dec. 17, 1889) and to them have been born two sons, 39

(i) **Sanford Peter McConnell**, born at Raub, Ind., Nov. 25, 1909; died at birth, and was buried in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

(ii) **Charles Kenneth McConnell**, was born at Raub, Ind., Sept. 5, 1912, and is attending the Raub grade schools.

(M) **Inez Baldwin Duffy**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 22, 1879. She was graduated from the Oxford high school in 1897, and taught school for six years. Oct. 24, 1906, she was married to Bazil Emmet Duffy (born Nov. 9, 1879). He was at that time engaged in the grain business at Otterbein in partnership with his father, Michael Duffy, and D. A. Harrington, and there they



made their home until the spring of 1912, when they moved to the farm four miles southeast of Oxford where they still reside. She united with the Presbyterian church at Oxford April 12, 1891, and is an active worker.

To Inez and Emmet Duffy have been born two sons,

(i) **Robert Emmet Duffy**, born at Otterbein, Ind., Oct. 23, 1907; he united with the Oxford Presbyterian church in March, 1920, and is a junior in the Oxford high school.

(ii) **Donald David Duffy**, was born at Otterbein, Ind., Jan. 18, 1911; he united with the Oxford Presbyterian church in March 1920, and is in the Oxford grade school.

(N) **Ethel Gordon Bartindale**, daughter of Jasper N. and Sallie (Wilson) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 13, 1882. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1901, and united with the Oxford Presbyterian church Nov. 21, 1894; she is at present Worthy Matron of Oak Grove Chapter, No. 128, Order of Eastern Star.

January 19, 1913, in the Presbyterian church, she was married to H. Earl Bartindale (born Nov. 27, 1878, north of Otterbein, Ind.); he is in the mail service as rural carrier and conducts the ice business at Oxford where they reside.

To Ethel and Earl Bartindale have been born three children,

(i) **Rosaline Inez Bartindale**, born in Oxford, Ind., Dec. 23, 1913; died Dec. 26, 1913, and is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(ii) **Roger Earl Bartindale** was born in Oxford, Ind., Sept. 26, 1915; is in the Oxford grade school.

(iii) **Richard McConnell Bartindale**, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 12, 1917.

(5) **David Jackson McConnell**, fifth child of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born near Covington, Fountain county, Ind., May 22, 1830. He came with his parents first to Pond Grove, Warren county, and later to White Oak Grove, Benton county. Here he grew to manhood and became a farmer, and here he spent the remainder of his life until death came January 8, 1906, as the result of paralysis. March 27, 1850, he was married to Mary Savinah Howard at Oxford, Wm. Cochran officiating, and for many years they resided in the old Howard home east of the C. & E. I. R. R.; later they built them a house near Rommel's grove, and there both of their death's occurred.

Mrs. McConnell was born August 10, 1832; died July 12, 1906, just six months after her husband's death. Both were laid to rest in the Justus cemetery. To Jack and Mary (Howard) McConnell were born eight children as follows:

(A) **Elizabeth Leoline Akers**, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born May 5, 1852, and was married to Joseph Frederick Akers January 16, 1878. They have spent most of their lives on the farm, but some years ago retired from active work and moved to Oxford. They are the parents of six children,

(i) **George Warren Akers**, was born near Oxford, Ind., Oct. 5, 1878. He was married to Mary Olive Morris (born Nov. 17, 1878) at Crawfordsville, Ind., Sept. 11, 1904, and they have since made Oxford their home. Their children are:

(a) **Oren Deloss**, born in Cass county, Ind., June 20, 1905.

(b) **Roy Joseph**, born March 2, 1908.

(c) **Elizabeth Jeannette**, born May 28, 1911.

(ii) **Maud May (Akers) Taylor**, was born near Oxford, Ind., Sept. 4, 1880. She was married August 17, 1902, at Oxford to Alvin C. Taylor, a farmer. For a number of years they lived near Oxford, but in 1919, went to Minatare, Neb., where they still reside. To them was born one child,

(a) **Raymond Taylor**, who died in infancy.

(iii) **Mary Lavinah Durflinger**, daughter of Leoline and Joseph Akers, was born near Oxford, Ind., Oct. 18, 1883. Sept. 28, 1902, she was married to Jacob W. Durflinger and they resided on farms near Oxford until her death which occurred at the home of her parents in Oxford, June 26, 1922, as the result of scarlet fever. Following are the children of Mary L. (Mayme) and Jacob Durflinger:

(a) **Mabel Gertrude Durflinger**, born near Oxford, Jan. 19, 1903.

(b) **Lora Belle Durflinger**, born near Oxford April 28, 1905.

(c) **Katherine Elizabeth Durflinger**, born near Oxford, Dec. 15, 1907.

(d) **Earl J. Durflinger**, born near Oxford, April 29, 1910.

(e) **Wilma Mary Durflinger**, born near Oxford July 22, 1912.

(f) **Elsie Pearl Durflinger**, born near Oxford May 22, 1914.



(g) **Mary Lavina Durflinger**, born near Oxford June 17, 1919.

(h) **Lelia Maxine Durflinger**, born near Oxford March 24, 1921.

(iv) **Lorrie Elizabeth Akers**, daughter of Leoline (Lina) and Joseph Akers, was born July 22, 1886, and died May 17, 1887.

(v) **Cora Leland Critzer**, daughter of Leoline and Joseph Akers, was born near Oxford, Ind., Feb. 20, 1889. . Sept. 18, 1907, at Fowler, Ind., she was married to Eli Critzer, a farmer-mechanic. Most of their married life has been spent in and near Templeton, Ind., where the following children were born:

(a) **Frances Elizabeth Critzer**, was born July 4, 1911.

(b) **Charles Delmer Critzer**, was born April 21, 1913.

(c) **Willa May Critzer**, was born Feb. 14, 1914.

(d) **William Fredrick Critzer**, was born March 26, 1919.

(e) **Leland Criter**, was born Sept. 19, 1921; died June 16, 1922.

(f) **Vivian Alice Critzer**, was born Nov. 4, 1922.

(vi) **Oma Blanche Hyatt**, daughter of Leoline and Joseph Akers, was born near Oxford, Ind., Feb. 26, 1892. She was married at Fowler, Ind., Dec. 14, 1911, to Earl Wilson Hyatt, a farmer. They lived near Oxford until the spring of 1922 when they moved to a farm at Kirkpatrick, Ind., and there they reside at present.

(B) **Mary Frances Waldrip**, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 28, 1855, and was married March 25, 1881, to Isaac L. Waldrip. She resides in Oxford in the old Howard home. Her children are:

(i) **Nellie May Birch**, who was born at Oxford, Ind., Dec. 21, 1882. For a number of years she was employed in the office of the Oxford Telephone Co., and June 16, 19—, at Oxford was married to George F. Birch of Crawfordsville, Ind. They are at present living at Peekskill, New York, and Mr. Birch is employed in New York City as telephonic engineer in the main office of the Bell company.

(ii) **Ray Waldrip** and **Burt J. Waldrip**, twins, were born Jan. 13, 1886. Ray died Jan. 17, 1886, and is buried in the Justus cemetery. Burt J. was married to Mabel May Nattinger at Earl Park, Ind., May 4, 1910. Burt is a farmer and moved this spring



(1923) from Benton county to a farm near Ladoga, Indiana. Two children have been born to Burt and Mabel Waldrip,

(a) **Helen May Waldrip**, born June 19, 1911.

(b) **Dale H. Waldrip**, born April 30, 1913.

(iii) **Edna Clair Stembel**, daughter of Frances (Frank) Waldrip, was born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 16, 1889. She was married to Ralph Stembel, a farmer, Jan. 1, 1911, at Oxford, Ind., and they live on a farm near Fowler, Ind. Three children have been born to them,

(a) **Glen Delmo Stembel**, born and died March 12, 1913, at Oxford, Indiana.

(b) **Byron Ralph Stembel**, born Oct. 4, 1915, on the farm near Fowler.

(c) **Kinston LaVerne Stembel**, born July 30, 1921, on the farm near Fowler.

(C) **Laura Bell**, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, died in infancy and was buried in the McConnell cemetery, Oxford.

(D) **Hartley Howard McConnell**, son of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born Dec. 19, 1858, died Jan. 20, 1864; he was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(E) **Carrie Lavica McConnell**, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born August 23, 1862; died June 24, 1871.

(F) **Thomas Jefferson McConnell**, son of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, died at two years of age.

(G) **Hattie D. McConnell**, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born Feb. 24, 1871; died March 24, 1871.

(H) **George Austin McConnell**, son of Jackson and Mary (Howard) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Sept. 29, 1872. Here he worked as a farmer until about 1910 when he went to Morocco, Ind., and worked at the Insurance business. Sept. 14, 1914, he was married to Mrs. Minnie Mae Elliot (born in Chillecotho, Mo., Nov. 1, 1871); they at once came to Oxford where they resided several years. Later they moved to Lafayette, Ind., where he has been employed in the Ross Gear & Tool Company's shop and where they still reside.

(6) **John Franklin McConnell**, son of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born on a farm at Pond Grove, Warren county, Ind., Oct. 26, 1831. In 1835, as a small child, he came to Benton county with his parents, settling at White Oak Grove (Oxford), and he remained with them until he was thirty-one years of age.

May 28, 1862, he was married to Lucelia Elinor Menefee. For eleven years they lived in Oxford, then bought and moved to a farm in Center township near Atkinson Station. Here they lived until 1902 when they retired from active labor and came to Oxford to live.

March 8, 1906, Mrs. McConnell died of acute croup and after that time Mr. McConnell made his home with his daughter, Lulu. It was chiefly due to his earnest and persistent effort that the walk was made to the Justus cemetery, and that that cemetery was incorporated and improved.

As a child Mr. McConnell was baptised by an itinerant minister of the gospel, and later he became a member of the Presbyterian church at Oxford.

Mr. McConnell was the last of the third generation of the McConnell family as we know it and he was a staunch Democrat; he lived longer in Benton county than any other person—his span of life at this place extending over eighty-three years.

His death occurred May 11, 1923, at Oxford, Ind., as the result of the infirmities of age; the funeral service was conducted from the Presbyterian church, and interment made beside his wife in the **Justus cemetery, Oxford**.

To J. Franklin and Elinor Menefee McConnell were born twelve children as follows:

(A) **Etta May Blanchfill-Spann** was born in Oxford, Ind., April 28, 1863. She was married Sept. 11, 1883, to James Blanchfill, son of Judge David McConnell's second wife. For a while they resided in Oxford, living in the old McConnell home, and Mr. Blanchfill was engaged in raising race horses. Later they moved to Vienna, Ill., taking the widow of David McConnell with them, and there she died and was buried. There too Mr. Blanchfill died May 15, 1891, and was buried.

May 8, 1893, Etta was again married, this time to William A. Spann, a lawyer of Vienna, Ill.

Mrs. Blanchfill's death occurred at Vienna, Ill., Oct. 28, 1909, and interment was made there.

Three children were born to Etta and James Blanchfill, as follows:

(i) **Georgia (Blanchfill) Gillespie**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Nov. 26, 1884. She was married Sept. 11, 1907, to Thomas Gillespie, a lawyer, and they reside at Springfield, Ill. To them one child,

(a) **Alice Gillespie**, was born Sept. 15, 1908.

(ii) **Frank Blanchfill**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 25, 1886.

(iii) **Alice (Blanchfill) Lorton**, was born at Vienna, Ill., Dec. 20, 1890; she was married to Frank Lorton, Sept. 10, 1910, and they reside at St. Louis, Mo., where Mr. Lorton is a city salesman for the Swift Packing Co. of St. Louis.

(B) **Elgin McConnell**, son of J. Franklin and Elinor (Menefee) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 6, 1865. He was married to Josephine Wattles June 19, 1895, her death occurring after a long illness, Dec. 28, 1906.

March 21, 1913, he was married to Mrs. Carrie Gaines. They reside at Chase, Ind., where Mr. McConnell is agent for the Nickle Plate R. R. Aside from a few years of farming he has been employed almost entirely as agent and telegraph operator, having spent many years in that capacity for the old L. E. & W. R. R. Co. at Oxford.

To Elgin and Carrie Gaines McConnell, has been born one child,

(i) **Elgin Franklin McConnell**, born Oct. 26, 1915.

(C) **Lulu Hazel McConnell**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor (Menefee) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., May 25, 1867. She received her schooling at Oxford and at Mrs. Blaker's Teachers College at Indianapolis. "Miss Lulu," as she is best known, has been a teacher for thirty-three years, thirty of these years having been spent in the Oxford schools. She has not only built for herself a reputation as a splendid primary teacher, but a monument of love as well, in the hearts of her many pupils. She is still teaching the Oxford first grade, and resides in her own home. For many years she cared for and



comforted her aged father and was both daughter and mother to him.

(D) **Chrissie McConnell**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 10, 1869; died Oct. 3, 1870, and is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(E) **Alice McConnell**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., March 28, 1871, and died on the farm near Atkinson of diabetes June 27, 1890. She was buried in the Justus cemetery.

(F) **Victor McConnell**, son of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 12, 1873. When he was six weeks old his parents moved to the farm in Center township, and there he grew to manhood. For several years he was a telegraph operator for the L. E. & W. R. R. Co., but since his marriage to Mrs. Ima (Crosson) Richards, April 8, 1908, he has lived on and worked the home farm.

(G) **Ernest McConnell**, son of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born on the farm July 12, 1875; died there May 10, 1893, and is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(H) **Vivian Grames**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born on the farm near Atkinson, Ind., July 30, 1877. She attended the township and Oxford schools, and for a number of years was employed in the Bank of Oxford. She was married Aug. 11, 1911, to Britton Grames. In the spring of 1913 they bought and moved to a farm near Dorset, Ohio, and remained there until 1920, when, on account of Mrs. Grames' ill health due to rheumatism, they returned to Oxford. Mr. Grames at present has a barber shop at Tab, Ind.

Two children were born to Vivian and Britton Grames,

(i) **Franklin Harold Grames**, born July 26, at Dorset, Ohio; died July 27, 1914, and is buried at Dorset.

(ii) **Beatrice Grames**, was born at Dorset, Ohio, May 26, 1917.

(I) **Raymond McConnell**, son of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born on the farm near Atkinson, Ind., Dec. 3, 1879. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1899 and later from the Indiana Law school at Indianapolis. He began his practice of law at Poplar Bluffs, Mo., where, for a time, he

served as city judge. At Poplar Bluffs he met, and married Edna Starkey Nov. 14, 1908. Later they moved to Birmingham, Ala., which is their present home.

To Ray and Edna McConnell has been born one child,

(i) **Vivian McConnell**, born at Poplar Bluffs, Mo., Sept. 25, 1909.

(J) **Roy David McConnell**, son of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born near Atkinson, Ind., April 13, 1882. He graduated from the Oxford high school, and has ever since been employed as a telegraph operator, first at Templeton, Ind., and now at Rankin, Illinois. March 13, 1915, Roy was married to Frances Elizabeth Ladd, and they have since their marriage resided at Rankin.

(K) **Beatrice Jeanette Parker**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born near Atkinson, Ind., June 4, 1885. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1903, and, showing a talent for music in a marked degree her studies were continued along that line at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. She taught piano for about fifteen years, and was one of the best musicians of which Oxford has ever boasted.

November 26, 1912, she was married to Dr. Garner Parker, and they made their home in Hazzard, Neb.

Death came to her suddenly at her home in Oxford, June 8, 1919, after a long struggle with diabetes. Her funeral service was held in the Presbyterian church, where she was long the faithful organist, and interment was made in the Justus cemetery beside her mother.

One child was born to Beatrice,

(i) **Elinor Parker**, born Dec. 19, 1913, at Oxford, Ind. Died in infancy.

(L) **Irma Adams**, daughter of J. Franklin and Elinor McConnell, was born near Atkinson, Ind., Dec. 1, 1887. She graduated from the Oxford high school in 1905 and taught school for two years. At the end of that time she was married, July 26, 1909, to Harry S. Adams of Tipton. They have lived at various places, but are now living in Indianapolis. Mr. Adams working out from that city as a traveling salesman.

Mrs. Adams is an expert tennis player; she plays annually in the tournaments and has many trophies to her credit.

To Irma and Harry Adams one child,



(i) **Muriel Adams**, was born May 25, 1911, at Mounds, Ill., she lives in Indianapolis and attends School No. 45.

(7) **Mary Jane Ferguson**, daughter of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born near Pond Grove, Warren county, Indiana, Aug. 8, 1833. With her parents she came to White Oak Grove (Oxford), Benton county. When she grew to womanhood she was married about 1853 to Joseph Ferguson; for a time they lived east of town on a farm then known as "The Pines." Later they came to Oxford where Mr. Ferguson worked at the carpenter trade. It was here his death occurred May 19, 1863, and Mary was left to care for her three little daughters, Emma, Sadie and Lucy. At various times she conducted a millinery shop and greenhouse and managed in these ways to rear and educate her little family.

For many years after her husband's death she made her home at Sheridan, Ind., and it was there her death occurred March 10, 1911, as the result of paralysis. Her body was brought back to her early home town, her funeral service conducted from the Presbyterian church and interment made in the Justus cemetery beside her husband. Following are the children of Mary and Joseph Ferguson:

(A) **Mary Emma McGilvrey**, daughter of Mary and Joseph Ferguson, was born in Oxford, Ind., March 9, 1855, and was married July 9, 1873, to James McGilvrey, a carpenter. They started housekeeping at Rossville, Ind., but in 1888, they moved to Lafayette, Ind., where they have since resided. To them were born four children, as follows:

(i) **Grace Spencer**, daughter of Emma and Joseph McGilvrey, was born in Rossville, Ind., Aug. 19, 1876. August 18, 1898, at Lafayette, Ind., she was married to Claud Spencer of Sheridan, Ind., and there they started their home, but later moved to Indianapolis. To them were born the following children:

(a) **Harry E. Spencer**, born October 20, 1899; died of tuberculosis April 5, 1918, aged nineteen years.

(b) **Katherine (Spencer) Richart**, was born July 18, 1901; educated at Indianapolis, Ind.; was married September 2, 1921, to Theodore W. Richart. They are the parents of one child,

(i) **Theodore Richart Jr.**, born June 27, 1922.



- (c) **Marie Spencer**, was born Sept. 30, 1903.
- (d) **James Spencer**, born October 5, 1905.
- (e) **Irene Spencer**, born Sept. 27, 1908.
- (f) **Mary Emma Spencer**, born December 13, 1910; died July 1, 1911.
- (g) **Elizabeth Spencer**, born Jan. 2, 1914.
- (h) **Mary Anna Spencer**, born June 11, 1916; died April 7, 1919.

(ii) **Bessie Bell Gifford**, daughter of Emma and James McGilvrey, was born in Rossville, Ind., Oct. 6, 1878. She was married to Albert A. Gifford of Sheridan, Ind., Dec. 16, 1899. Mr. Gifford went to the Klondike country, Alaska, during the "gold rush," and while there contracted a deep cold which terminated in pulmonary tuberculosis from which he died Sept. 16, 1900. He is buried in the Little Eagle cemetery, Hamilton county. Bessie cared for her husband during his illness and in this manner contracted tuberculosis from which her death resulted at the home of her parents in Lafayette, June 25, 1906; burial was made in the Springvale cemetery, Lafayette. To Bessie and Albert Gifford was born one child,

(a) **Genevieve (Gifford) Brelsford**. She was born July 1, 1900; she was reared by her grandparents, Emma and James McGilvrey, and graduated from the Jefferson high school, Lafayette. July 6, 1921, she was married to Merle D. Brelsford, an electrician, and they reside at Lafayette.

(iii) **Edward Joseph McGilvrey**, son of Emma and James McGilvrey, was born Sept. 11, 1880; died February 22, 1883.

(iv) **Josephine L. Rentschler**, daughter of Emma and James McGilvrey, was born in Rossville, Ind., June 2, 1886, and received her education in the Lafayette schools. She was married June 9, 1915, to Fred J. Rentschler, a machinist, and they reside at Lafayette, Ind.

(B) **Sarah McConnell Scott**, daughter of Mary and Joseph Ferguson, was born at Oxford, Ind., June 3, 1857. She attended the Oxford Academy and then taught school in and near Oxford for several years. August 1, 1878, she was married to William A. Scott, at Oxford, but they started their home at Sheridan, Ind. In 1880, the family moved to Ford, Ky., where

Mr. Scott was engaged in the mercantile business. In 1890 they returned to Sheridan, and in 1905 went to Indianapolis to live. In 1918, while they were visiting their son, Harry, at Portland, Ore., Mr. Scott suffered a stroke of apoplexy from which he died. He was buried in Rose City cemetery, Portland. Since his death Sarah (Sadie) has made her home in Indianapolis with her daughter, Mayme.

To Sadie and Will Scott were born two children as follows:

(i) **Harry B. Scott**, was born at Sheridan, Ind., Feb. 7, 1882. He received his grade and high school education at Sheridan, Ind. Dec. 1, 1902, he was married to Grace Scott in Indianapolis, and there they lived for ten years. In 1913 with his family he moved to Portland, Oregon, where he still resides and is engaged in the drapery business. To Harry B. and Grace Scott have been born two children,

(a) **Helen Genevieve Scott**, born November 1, 1906, in Indianapolis, Ind.

(b) **Howard William Scott**, was born in Indianapolis, Ind., June 20, 1908, and, with his sister, Helen Genevieve, resides with his parents in Portland, Ore.

(ii) **Mary Emma Padget**, was born at Sheridan, Ind., June 5, 1884. Was graduated from the Sheridan high school, and was married in Indianapolis, June 18, 1912, to Chas. Padget. They first made their home in Terre Haute, but in 1915 moved to Indianapolis where Mr. Padget is engaged in the architectural business. To them has been born one child,

(a) **Charles Scott Padget**, born in Terre Haute, Ind., June 29, 1913.

(C) **Lucy Belle Eudaly**, daughter of Mary and Joseph Ferguson, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 11, 1863. She attended the Oxford Academy and taught school four years, two at Otterbein, Ind., and two at Sheridan, Ind. At the close of the last term (in 1880) she was married to Harvey Augustus Eudaly, who is both farmer and traveling salesman; they reside at Sheridan, Ind. To them were born five children as follows:

(i) **Fred O. Eudaly**, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 30, 1881, and there he received his schooling. He was married at Springfield, Ill., to Lina Woodman of Jacksonville, Ill. They resided

at Springfield for a short time after which they moved to Sheridan where they now reside; he is engaged in farming and the mercantile business. To Fred and Lina Eudaly have been born two children,

(a) **Morris Eudaly**, born October 8, 1909; died at birth and buried at Sheridan.

(b) **Thelma Eudaly**, born at Sheridan, Ind., March 15, 1910.

(ii) **Bessie Marie Schmitz**, daughter of Lucy and Harvey Eudaly, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 7, 1883. She received her schooling at Sheridan, Ind.; was married at Noblesville, Ind., to Peter Schmitz of Indianapoils, Ind. For a number of years they resided at Indianapolis, but at present are living in Chicago, Illinois.

(iii) **Fannie Fern Eudaly**, died of congestion when two years of age at Sheridan, Ind., at which place she is buried.

(iv) **John Adolphus Eudaly**, was born at Sheridan, Ind., May 30, 1888. There he received his schooling; he also graduated from the Indiana Dental College June 16, 1913. Sept. 24, 1913, he was married to Marjorie M. Mickel of Sheridan, at that place. He practiced dentistry at Cayuga, Ind., Indianapolis and at present is located at Richmond, Ind. John and Marjorie Eudaly are the parents of two children,

(a) **Rowenna Helene Eudaly**, born at Cayuga, Ind., June 6, 1914.

(b) **Eleanor Ann Eudaly**, born at Cayuga, Ind., July 29, 1917.

(v) **Lena K. Barnholdt**, daughter of Lucy and Harvey Eudaly, was born at Sheridan, Ind., Jan. 27, 1898. Received her schooling at Sheridan. Was married at Crown Point, Ind., in 1920, to Frederick W. Barnholdt, of Philadelphia, Pa. They resided at Sheridan for a while, but are now living at Chicago, Ill. Lena is the mother of two children the first by a former marriage; they are:

(a) **Evelyn Marie**, born at Sheridan, Ind., Jan. 2, 1915.

(b) **Reva Belle Barnholdt**, born at Sheridan, Ind., Oct. 24, 1922.

(8) **Hugh Benton McConnell**, son of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born at Pond Grove, Warren county, Ind., Jan. 30, 1835. As a baby he came with his parents to



Benton county, settling at White Oak Grove (Oxford) and the remainder of his life was spent in and near Oxford.

Mr. McConnell received a liberal education for that day, first at the school which stood where the Justus cemetery is now located, then at the Boynton school, southwest of town and later at a school located where the old Presbyterian church stood.

October 25, 1860, he was married to Caroline Uhler of Covington and to them three children were born. They lived on the farm all of their married life until 1906 when they came to Oxford to live, purchasing property near the old home where he grew to manhood.

Mr. McConnell was a member of the Presbyterian church and a Democrat.

Like his life his passing was peaceful; after eating a hearty breakfast he was sitting in his favorite chair reading the daily paper when he was stricken with apoplexy, and died at once. His death occurred Aug. 18, 1915; his funeral was conducted in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Gibson Wilson, a former pastor, and interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

After her husband's death Mrs. McConnell (Carrie) lived with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Thompson, until death claimed her Feb. 1, 1921. She was buried in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

Following are the children of Benton and Carrie McConnell:

(A) **Ella Uhler Thompson**, daughter of Benton and Caroline McConnell, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., Aug. 27, 1861. After finishing her schooling she taught school for several years, and Dec. 27, 1881, was married to John H. Thompson, a soldier of the Civil War. They reside in Oxford, where most of their married life has been spent. They are the parents of three children,

(i) **Clarence Earl Thompson**, born near Oxford, Ind., May 25, 1883. He is a baker. April 29, 1917, he was married to Sophia Nichols of Ambia and at present they reside at Oxford. One child has been born to them,

(a) **Myrtle Evelyn Thompson**, born May 17, 1917.

(ii) **Carrie Edna Messenger**, daughter of Ella and John Thompson, was born near Oxford, Ind., Nov. 9, 1886. She was married Oct. 18, 1905, to George A. Messenger, a baker. For

seventeen years Oxford was their home, but they moved to Fowler, Ind., in 1922, and still reside there. They have one child,

(a) **Edward LeRoy Messenger**, born in Oxford, Ind., July 1, 1906.

(iii) **Grace Ethel Thompson**, was born near Oxford, Ind., July 31, 1888, and died there when eight years old.

(B) **Will A. McConnell**, son of Benton and Carrie McConnell, was born on a farm near Oxford, Ind., Aug. 22, 1863. In early life he was engaged in farming, but, being a natural mechanic, he later entered that trade, and now owns and operates a machine shop at Attica, Ind.

January 19, 1887, he was married to Emma Benedict, and two children, Floy and Albert, were born to them.

Emma (Benedict) McConnell died when the children were very small, and Will A. McConnell was then married to Miss Verna Epperson of Attica at which place they now reside.

(i) **Floy Agnes McConnell**, and

(ii) **Albert McConnell**, children of Will A. and Emma McConnell were born near Oxford, Ind. Their mother died when they were very young, and they were cared for by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Benedict, until Floy was grown to young womanhood. She then kept house for her father and brother. In April 1908, after a long illness Albert died of pulmonary tuberculosis, and three years later, March 20, 1911, the same disease claimed Floy as its victim; her death came at the home of her grandparents, Benton and Carrie McConnell and interment was made in the West cemetery.

(C) **Laura Mabel Dame**, daughter of Benton and Carrie McConnell, was born on a farm one and a half miles north of Oxford, May 12, 1871. She attended school at Oxford and has always lived near or in Oxford.

She was married to Oliver Perry Morton Dame, who was born near Colfax, Ind., June 10, 1862. They now reside in Oxford and are the parents of seven children, as follows:

(i) **Perry Arthur Dame**, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 28, 1892. He was graduated from the Oxford high school in 1910, and from Wabash College, having specialized in chemistry.

Before and during the World War he was employed as chemist in the Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh, Pa.; this position



he resigned to work for the Hogan Corporation Co., and he was located at Cleveland, Ohio. In the spring of 1921 he went to New York City as traveling salesman for the Creo-Dipt Co., and in May, 1923, was sent by that company to Kansas City, Mo., as sales manager over a territory of ten states.

(ii) **Harry Newton Dame**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Aug. 22, 1893. After his graduation from the Oxford high school in 1911, he was employed as agent and telegraph operator on the L. E. & W. R. R. and was stationed at Saybrook, Ill., when the World War broke out.

When the U. S. declared war he enlisted April 29, 1918, at Chicago, Ill., as a private in the Medical Corps and was assigned to various sections. He trained in Chicago and Camp Stuart, Va., was promoted to Sergeant March 6, 1919, and to Sergeant l. c. l. May 24, 1919; embarked for Newport News, Va., Aug. 14, 1918, on the U. S. S. Paprica as a casual, and arrived at Brest, France, Aug. 26, 1918. Was stationed at Cosne from Sept. 6, 1918 to Jan. 9, 1919; was then sent to Panillac where he remained until June 2, 1919. Sailed for the U. S. June 10, 1919, arriving at Philadelphia June 22, 1919. Was honorably discharged July 3, 1919, as Sergeant l. c. l.

After spending a few months in Oxford with his parents he entered a business college at Indianapolis; at the end of this course he began working in the offices of the Armour Co., at Indianapolis, which position he still holds.

(iii) **Ralph Uhler Dame**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Nov. 1, 1895. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1913, and when a sophomore at the Univeristy of Illinois quit school to join the colors in the World War.

He had had two years training in the University Cadet Corps; was assigned to casual Co. 161st depot brigade, Camp Grant, Ill., and later transferred to Camp Sheridan, Ill.; was promoted to private l. c. l., and then to Ordnance Sergeant Feb. 3, 1919. He left Hoboken for France May 1, 1918, on the U. S. S. Great Northern, and arrived at Brest, May 10, 1918. Was transferred to the ordnance ammunition section, first army, and with this unit fought in the battles of St. Michiel and Meuse-Argonne.

Later he was in base hospital No. 119, at Chateroux for eye



treatment. He sailed for the U. S. May 11, 1919, arriving at Hoboken May 21, 1919, and was honorably discharged May 29, 1919, as Ordnance Sergeant.

He entered the University of Pittsburgh as a junior and graduated from the School of Economics in 1921. While at the university he began the study of law, and he graduated from that department in June of this year (1923).

(iv) <sup>1897</sup>~~Kenneth~~ **Kenneth Hugh Dame**, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 16, ~~1917~~, and graduated from the Oxford high school in 1917. At the time the U. S. entered the World War he was an inspector for the British government at Elwood City, Pa. He quit this position to enter the service, and at Fowler, Ind., Oct. 1918, became a private in the Tank Corps; was assigned to Co. B, 307th Brigade and trained at Camp Polk, Va.; was packed ready to sail for France when the armistice was signed; he was honorably discharged Jan. 5, 1919, as a private 1. c. 1.

In the fall of 1919 he entered the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from the School of Economics in 1922.

June 16, 1920, Kenneth was married to Helen Morse (also born and reared at Oxford), at Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have since made their home at Pittsburgh, Pa. For the past year he has been Assistant Secretary of the University Club, but he expects to go in December of this year to South America where he will act as trade commissioner for the department of commerce in the interest of American export business.

(v) **Orval Walter Dame**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 4, 1899. He graduated from the Oxford high school in 1917 and was employed as a mechanic in an Oxford garage when the U. S. entered the World War. He entered the service Sept. 15, 1918, at Urbana, Ill., as a private in the S. A. T. C. and was a member of Co. 11, S. A. T. C. of the University of Illinois. Was honorably discharged Dec. 21, 1918, as a private.

For some time thereafter he was employed as conductor on the Detroit Union Railway Co., Detroit. He then attended Wabash College during 1921-'22, and is now a student in the University of Pittsburgh.

(vi) **Mildred Dame**, was born at Oxford, Ind., Jan. 24, 1909. She is a junior in the Oxford high school.

(vii) **Clarence Edward Dame**, was born at Oxford, Ind., May 1, 1912, and is in the sixth grade of the Oxford schools.

(9) **Thomas Jefferson McConnell**, son of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born at White Oak Grove (Oxford), Indiana, Oct. 1, 1837, at the Judge McConnell homestead. He is said to be the first white child born in this locality. He was educated in the pioneer schools of this place, and, when his schooling was completed, farmed the home land.

He was married April 4, 1866, at the age of twenty-nine years, to Artemicia Wilmoth; for six years they remained in Oxford farming land owned by Mr. McConnell's father, and then bought and moved to an eighty acre farm in Bolivar township; the farm on which P. J. Kennedy now resides. In 1885, after the death of his father, they returned to Oxford and lived in the old family home.

In the spring of 1890 he was elected Trustee of Oak Grove township, but died soon after, July 9, 1890, from the effects of an attack of influenza.

Like his brother he was a Democrat; like many of his family he was a Presbyterian and with them he rests in the Justus cemetery.

Thomas and Artemicia (Wilmoth) McConnell were the parents of two children, Joseph and Nettie.

(A) **Joseph Wilmoth McConnell**, son of Thomas and Artemicia McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Jan. 16, 1867. He attended the Oxford Academy and was, for a while employed in the Bank of Oxford.

He was married Dec. 31, 1890, to Elizabeth Scott; they went to Colfax in 1922, but returned to Oxford the following year to again work in the bank. A few years later Mr. McConnell embarked in the lumber and grain business at Pine Village where he remained for five years. He again returned to Oxford and here, with his family, he still resides. Mr. McConnell has from time to time been manager of various nearby elevators, first at Atkinson, then at Swanington and now of the Templeton elevator.

He is a member of the orders of Knights of Pythias and F. & A. M.; he is a Democrat and an elder in the Oxford Presbyterian church of which he is a member.

To Joseph Wilmoth and Elizabeth (Scott) McConnell were born four children, as follows:

(i) **Anita Mabel Johnson**, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth S. McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., Oct. 17, 1891. She is a member of the orders of Pythian Sisters and Eastern Star, and of the Oxford Presbyterian church for which she was long the faithful organist.

November 22, 1914, she was married to Walter Johnson (born Feb. 13, 1891), who is a drug clerk, and they reside at Oxford.

To Anita and Walter Johnson has been born one child,

(a) **Thomas Joseph Johnson**, born Nov. 23, 1920, at Oxford, Indiana.

(ii) **Thomas Scott McConnell**, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Scott) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 27, 1894. He graduated from the Oxford high school, attended the State Normal at Terre Haute, and was a student for one year at the Chicago University. He taught school for a number of years, and, when the United States entered the World War, he rallied to the colors.

He entered the first training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, May 12, 1917; was transferred to Fortress Monroe, Heavy Artillery School June 16, 1917. Received Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Army, Aug. 15, 1917. Was assigned to Ft. Rodman, Mass. Was promoted to First Lieutenant Coast Artillery Corps Regular Army, Dec. 21, 1917. Was assigned to Battery C, 66th Artillery and left for France July 19, 1918.

Was transferred from the 66th Artillery, January 9, to Mounted Police at Brest, France, and then to Camp Athletic Officer, Camp Pontanezan, France.

Ordered to U. S. A. May 12, 1919, and assigned to Fort Rodman, Mass.

Received permanent commission as First Lieutenant, Regular Army, Aug. 15, 1919. Resigned commission July 4, 1920, and went to Fowler, Ind., where he still resides and is treasurer of the Corporation of Benton Review Printing Shop.

Thomas was married Dec. 25, 1917, to Ruth Roby (born Feb. 28, 1890), and they are the parents of two children,



(a) **Thomas Roby McConnell**, born May 23, 1920.

(b) **David Lee McConnell**, born July 30, 1922.

(iii) **Robert Manford McConnell**, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Scott) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., June 11, 1903. Was graduated from the Oxford high school and is now a junior at Purdue University. He is a member of the order of De Molay and Knights of Pythias.

(iv) **Millard Wilmoth McConnell**, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Scott) McConnell, was born in Pine Village, Ind., Nov. 12, 1906. Resides in Oxford with his parents and is a senior in the Oxford high school. He is a member of the national organization of Boy Scouts.

(B) **Nettie Artemicia Colborn**, daughter of Thomas J. and Artemicia McConnell, was born on a farm north of Templeton, Ind., Jan. 10, 1877. She was married Nov. 11, 1900, to John Colborn (born June 29, 1878), and they have since made their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Mr. Colborn is engaged in the lumber business. To them was born one child.

(i) **Geraldine Colborn**, born Aug. 19, 1903. She received her education in the schools at Grand Rapids and now is employed as bookkeeper in that city.

(10) **Keziah Josephine Chancellor**, tenth child of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., at the old Judge McConnell homestead May 18, 1840. There she grew up to young womanhood, and in the spring 1865 was married to H. Pope Chancellor. To them were born four children: Fred M., Minnie R., Joseph D. and Lucy F.

Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor resided in Oxford until 1885, when they moved to Vincennes, Ind. There April 16, 1888, the husband died and four years later (1892) she returned to Oxford, and resided for a while at the old home place but later moved closer to the center of the town. Mrs. Chancellor was a very fleshy woman and the last move was made that she might be better able to get about to see her friends and also to attend the Christian church of which she was a member.

Death came to her March 13, 1906, while she was on an extended visit at Kokomo, Ind., to her daughter, Minnie, and was the result of internal cancer. Her body was brought back to Oxford and placed in the Justus cemetery.

Following are accounts of her children:

(A) **Fred M. Chancellor**, son of Josephine and H. Pope Chancellor, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 17, 1866. With his parents he moved to Vincennes in 1885, and there in 1892, he met and married Alfraetta Griffith of Petersburg, Ind. She died in June 1896, leaving him with one child, Catherine. In 1902, Fred was married to Belle W. Everette at Oxford. For a number of years he was a teacher in the Oxford schools; later he did clerical work at Lafayette, Ind., and at present he is engaged in the grain and lumber business at Stockland, Ill.

(i) **Catherine Balderson**, daughter of Fred M. and Alfraetta (Griffith) Chancellor, was born Feb. 26, 1895, and received her education in the Oxford schools. After the death of her mother she was cared for by her grandmother, Josie Chancellor, and later by her aunt, Lucy Bramblett. In June 1920, she was married to Ted A. Balderson, an architect and consulting engineer, and they reside at Omaha, Neb. To them has been born a daughter,

(a) **Helen Marie Balderson**, born in Omaha, Neb., March 21, 1923.

(B) **Minnie Rebecca Chancellor**, daughter of Josephine and H. Pope Chancellor, was born April 13, 1868, on a farm known as "The Pines," a mile northeast of Oxford. During her young womanhood she taught music, the piano being her chosen instrument. April 20, 1892, she was married to her cousin, Dr. Samuel R. Chancellor, at Vincennes, Ind. They later moved to Chicago and then to Kokomo which has since been the family home. She died March 7, 1915, at Daytona, Florida, where she had gone for the benefit of her health. The body was brought to Oxford and laid to rest in the Justus cemetery.

To Minnie and Dr. Samuel Chancellor were born three children as follows:

(i) **Dr. John Emmet Chancellor**, was born in Chicago, March 11, 1893. He was graduated from a dental college and for a number of years practiced this profession. He was called to the colors to defend the Mexican border a few years ago and, since receiving his discharge from the army, has been an instructor in a dental college at Indianapolis. He was married to Gert-rude Granson Oct. 25, 1922, and they reside at Indianapolis.



(ii) **Virginia Lucile Chancellor**, was born Nov. 16, 1901, at Kokomo, Ind. There she received her schooling, and, since her mother's death, she has looked after her father's household.

(iii) **Josephine Elizabeth Chancellor**, was born at Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 19, 1906. She resides there with her father and attends the Kokomo high school.

(C) **Joseph David Chancellor**, son of Josephine and H. Pope Chancellor, was born on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of Oxford, Aug. 15, 1869. He was married to Mary Frances Mullock in 1890 at Vincennes, Ind. After his marriage he came to Oxford where he owned and operated a blacksmith shop. Later he moved to Fowler and entered the monument business; to this he later added the real estate, and the business grew so rapidly that a few years ago he moved to Lafayette, Ind., where is now his main office with the branch office at Fowler in charge of his son, Morse. To Joe and Mary Chancellor were born two children as follows:

(i) **Mildred Josephine Chancellor**, was born in Oxford, Ind., April 1890. She received her schooling at Fowler, and now resides with her parents at Lafayette, Ind.

(ii) **Morse Frederick Chancellor**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Jan. 16, 1895. He was married to Florence M. Smith in April 1917. They have since their marriage resided at Fowler where Morse is a member of the J. D. Chancellor & Son Real Estate and Insurance Brokers. Morse and Florence Chancellor are the parents of one child,

(a) **Joe Vernon Chancellor**, born in Hoopeston, Ill., in August 1918.

(D) **Lucy Fox Bramblett**, daughter of Josephine and H. Pope Chancellor, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 20, 1879. She, like her sister, Minnie, is musically inclined, and her little daughter, Lorraine, is showing marked musical ability. December 25, 1902, Lucy was married at her mother's home in Oxford to Pleasant O. Bramblett. Pleas was for many years connected with Messner & Son's dry goods store at Oxford, but in the fall of 1920, the family moved West, for the healthful benefit of that country, and settled at Mitchell, Nebraska. There Pleas is buyer and manager of the dry goods and ready-to-wear department



of the Mitchell Mercantile Department Store. To Lucy and Pleas Bramblett have been born two children:

(i) **Chancellor Bramblett**, son of Lucy and Pleas O. Bramblett, was born in Oxford, Ind., May 1, 1905. He received his education at Oxford and Mitchell, Neb., graduating from the latter school in May 1923. Since that time he has been employed as computer on a government irrigation ditch in Nebraska near Mitchell.

(ii) **Lorraine Bramblett**, was born in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 15, 1914. She resides with her parents at Mitchell, Neb.

(11) **George Washington McConnell**, son of David and Polly (Moore) McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., Dec. 24, 1845; died of pneumonia March 5, 1849; he is buried in the Justus cemetery.

#### IV. SAMUEL McCONNELL

fourth child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, Oct. 7, 1800. With his parents he lived first in Ross county, Ohio, then Highland county, Ohio, and then came with the rest of his father's family to Indiana in 1828. For a time he lived in Fountain county, but in 1835 came to Benton county and bought land southwest of Oxford (the farm on which Michael Carr now lives).

This neighborhood was called "Bachelor's Point," being thus named because it was settled by five unmarried McConnell brothers, James (a widower), Samuel, Hugh, William and Thomas.

Samuel was never married; for a time his nephew, "Little Hugh," and wife kept house for him, and later his brother, Hugh, and family cared for him.

Samuel McConnell, besides farming, taught school; he was the first teacher in Benton county (1836-'37), and for a school house he used a deserted log cabin which stood on the present site of the Justus cemetery. His pupils were his nephews and nieces and the children of Bazil Justus.

In the spring of 1876, Mr. McConnell went to Iowa to visit his sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Cochran, and while crossing the fields from one relative's house to that of another March 9, 1876,

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he was seized with heart failure and died at once. All night his body lay in the field until discovered the following morning by searching relatives who brought him back to Oxford and laid him to rest in the Justus cemetery.

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**V. ELIZABETH (McConnell) COCHRAN,**

daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born, about the year 1801. With her parents she came to Fountain county, Ind., and later to Benton county. Here she met and married William Cochran. After a number of years they left Indiana and went to Laconia, Iowa, where they lived on a farm. The names of the children, as remembered by the older members of the family, are, Mary, Hettie, Jasper, Ella and John.

I have made repeated efforts to get information of this family and to get in communication with them but to no avail. It is not known what have been their fortunes, and whether they have died or are still living; but this is known: that "Bettie" and her family were very highly esteemed and dearly loved by all of their relatives.

**VI. ESTHER (McConnell) WATTLES,**

daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, and generally known as "Hettie," was born in Ross county, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1803. As a young lady she came with her parents to Fountain county, Ind. Here two sons, Leander and Irvin McConnell, were born, both of whom lived at Covington, Ind., and are now dead and buried there.

When her brothers and sisters came to Benton county Esther accompanied them here, and was married to Lebbeus W. Wattles, a farmer, and they lived in Warren county, Ind.

At the time of her death they were living in Oxford in a house which stands where E. L. Zeis' residence is now located. Mr. Wattles was away with a load of stock; Mrs. Wattles, who had not been well, raised herself in bed to take a drink of water, and sank back dead from heart failure; thus was she found. Her death occurred Sept. 11, 1841, and she was laid to rest with her mother and brothers in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.



To Esther and Lebbeus Wattles was born one child, Basil Justus, whose record follows:

(1) **Basil Justus Wattles**, son of Esther and Lebbeus W. Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind., Dec. 17, 1839. When less than two years old his mother died, and he was cared for by his father and half-brothers, Aaron and John Wattles, and two-half sisters, Mrs. Mary (Wattles) Morgan and Mrs. Olive Robbins, until grown. He was married in 1863 to Sarah Gray, daughter of Wesley Gray, and to this union four daughters, Ida, Alice, Rosa and Sylvia, and three sons, John, Walter and Edward, were born.

His wife died in 1890, and in 1894 he was married to Anna Kochel of Rainsville. She died a few years later leaving him with five daughters, Fern, Bessie, Drusilla, Loraine and Ruby. He also has twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Basil Wattles' death was due to heart failure, and it occurred at the home of his son, Edward, at Ambia, Ind., Oct. 2, 1915, after a few hours illness. Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church at Rainsville, of which he was a member, and burial was made in the Gray cemetery.

Brief account of the children of Basil Wattles follows:

(A) **Ida Hillyer**, daughter of Basil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind., about 1864. She was married Aug. 16, 1882, to George H. Hillyer, a merchant, and they reside at Williamsport, Ind.

(B) **Alice Boyer**, daughter of Basil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind.; she married Mahlon R. Boyer and they live at Ambia where he is engaged in the plumbing business.

(C) **Rosa Boyer**, daughter of Basil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind.; she married G. R. Boyer and they live on a farm near Farmington, Washington.

(D) **Sylvia Billings**, daughter of Basil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind. She married John Billings and they live on a farm near Spokane, Washington.

(E) **Edward Wattles**, son of Basil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind., and lived on a farm near Ambia after his marriage. His death occurred in August, 1915, as the result of an automobile accident.



(F) John Wattles, son of Bazil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind., and died there in infancy.

(G) Walter Wattles, son of Bazil and Sarah (Gray) Wattles, was born in Warren county, Ind., and died there at the age of nineteen years.

(H) Fern McDaniel, daughter of Bazil and Anna Kochel, was born in Warren county, Ind.; she was married to Earl McDaniel, and they lived on a farm near Boswell. She died about 1920 of pulmonary tuberculosis; funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church at Oxford and interment was made in the West cemetery, Oxford.

To Fern and Earl McDaniel was born one child,

(i) Charles McDaniel, born in the spring of 1914.

(I) Bessie Wattles, daughter of Bazil and Anna Wattles. No further record.

(J) Drusilla Hoppis, daughter of Bazil and Anna Wattles, is married and lives near Rainsville.

(K) Ruby Bonty, daughter of Bazil and Anna Wattles. No further record.

(L) Loraine Hurley, daughter of Bazil and Anna Wattles. No further record.

## VII. WILLIAM McCONNELL

son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ross county, Ohio, March 18, 1805. As a young man he came with his parents to Indiana living for a few years in Fountain county. Mr. McConnell was a farmer, and owned and lived on a farm southwest of Oxford, now owned by Ola (Wells) Smith—the farm on which William A. White now lives. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1852, as the result of pneumonia, or “winter fever,” as it was then called, and interment was made in the McConnell cemetery, Oxford, near the grave of his brother, Thomas McConnell.

Mr. McConnell was married to Mary Sarjent, and soon after his death she, with her four children, Jason, James, Martha and Mary, moved to Iowa and nothing further is known of them.

### VIII. HUGH McCONNELL,

ninth child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 20, 1807. As a young man he came to Fountain county, Ind., with the remainder of his father's family, and, with them, he finally settled in Benton county, Ind.

In middle life he was married to Margaret Johnston (born July 5, 1820), who was much his junior in years. For a time they stayed in Benton county and farmed; but after a time they moved to Iowa, where they followed the same occupation. About 1874 they returned to Indiana, and the remainder of their lives was spent here.

Upon returning to Indiana they kept house and cared for his bachelor brother, Samuel, until the latter's death in 1876; they then purchased the farm now owned by Henry Simmons and lived there until Hugh's death, which occurred October 10, 1883.

His wife then moved to Oxford, where she died January 3, 1889. Both she and Hugh are buried in the Justus cemetery.

To Hugh and Margaret McConnell were born five children, as follows:

(1) **Nancy Brown**, daughter of Hugh and Margaret McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., Jan. 14, 1851. She was married to John Brown, and they made their home in Iowa. Later Mrs. Brown returned to Oxford and lived for a time; after the death of her mother in 1889 she returned to Iowa and there, at Melbourne, her death occurred Nov. 16, 1918, as the result of a complication of disease. Mr. Brown preceded her in death, having passed away in 1905; both are buried in Iowa.

To Nancy and John Brown were born three children, as follows:

(A) **Margaret Leonard**, daughter of Nancy and John Brown, was born in Iowa, Feb. 22, 1872. She was married to John Leonard, a farmer, Dec. 23, 1891, and they resided near Fowler, Ind., until 1918, when Mr. Leonard was elected to the office of Sheriff of Benton county; after serving two terms in that office he is now acting as deputy sheriff. In 1918 the family moved to Fowler, and that is their present home.

Margaret and John Leonard are the parents of three children,

(i) **Della Blanche Leonard**, daughter of Margaret and John Leonard, was born near Fowler, Ind., Oct. 4, 1892; died Nov. 16, 1892, and is buried in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

(ii) **Emmet Roy Leonard**, second child of Margaret and John Leonard, was born near Fowler, Ind., Dec. 23, 1893. He has been employed as postal clerk in the Fowler postoffice since 1915. He was married Sept. 4, 1917, to Elizabeth Martin and they reside at Fowler.

(iii) **Ralph Hobert Leonard**, son of Margaret and John Leonard, was born near Fowler, Ind., June 29, 1896. He was married Nov. 28, 1917, to Bessie Matthews, and they own and live on a farm of 180 acres near Fowler. They are the parents of one child,

(a) **Betty Virginia Leonard**, born near Fowler, Ind., Oct. 15, 1921.

(B) **Elwood Brown**, son of Nancy and John Brown, was born in Iowa, March 1, 1875. For a time he lived in Benton county, Ind., but in young manhood went to Southern Illinois. There he met and married Anna Hudson; they later moved to Melbourne, Iowa, where occurred the death of one of their children, Charles, as the result of measles and whooping cough. The family is now living at Owattona, Minn.

The following seven children were born to Elwood and Anna Brown:

- (i) **Ralph Brown**,
- (ii) **Frank Brown**,
- (iii) **Ethel Brown**,
- (iv) **Mabel Brown**,
- (v) **Harold Brown**,
- (vi) **Howard Brown**,
- (vii) **Charles Brown**.

(C) **Maud (Brown) Preston**, daughter of Nancy and John Brown, was born in Iowa, Feb. 20, 1879. For a few years she lived in Benton county, Ind., with her mother, but later returned to Iowa, and was married at Marshalltown, Iowa, to Fred Preston. Their present home is at State Center, Iowa.

(2) **Naomi Duke**, daughter of Hugh and Margaret McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., about 1854. She was



married here to Charley Duke and they moved to Iowa; she now lives at Mason City, Iowa.

To Naomi and Charley Duke were born the following five children:

(A) **Ray Duke.**

(B) **Ruby C. Duke**, died Dec. 5, 1884, at Oxford, Ind., when two years of age, and is buried in the Justus cemetery.

(C) **Ethel Duke.**

(D) **Kenneth Duke.**

(E) **Grace Duke.**

(3) **Samuel McConnell**, son of Hugh and Margaret McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., about 1857. Like many of his family he was a farmer; he was married to Carrie Smith, and about 1903 they moved to Idaho. Later they moved to Oregon, where he died Nov. 10, 1918. Samuel and Carrie S. McConnell were the parents of one child:

(A) **Olive McConnell** —————. She lives in Oregon and has two children.

(4) **Mary L. Woodie**, daughter of Hugh and Margaret McConnell, was born about 1860; she was married to Elbert Woodie at Nevada, Iowa, and it was there that her death and burial occurred.

(5) **Martha M. McConnell**, daughter of Hugh and Margaret McConnell, was born March 2, 1864, and died August 22, 1881, aged 17 years. She lies beside her parents in the Justus cemetery, Oxford.

## IX. MARTHA (McConnell) McDADE,

daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ross county, Ohio, about the year ~~1809~~ 1809. With her parents she immigrated west and located near Covington, Fountain county, Ind. There she met, and, about 1833, married James McDade, a native of Ireland, and a widower with one child, John. After a few years they followed her brothers and sisters to Benton county, Ind., and located near their settlement, southwest of Oxford.

James McDade died of heart failure, and was buried in the Jones cemetery near Pine Village. Martha McDade also died of heart failure one evening while milking, and was laid to rest in the Jones cemetery.

To Martha and James McDade were born four children, William, Mary, Samuel and Ellen.

(1) **William McDade**, son of Martha and James McDade, was born in Fountain county, Ind., Nov. 14, 1834; he came as a child, with his parents, to Benton county, and lived on a farm southwest of Oxford. After the death of his father he assumed the management of the farm, and on this place he lived until he retired from active labor.

January 31, 1861, he was married to Lucinda Bussell. They moved to Oxford in 1902 and here his death, due to leakage of the heart, occurred June 16, 1922. Interment was made in the West cemetery.

Since his death Mrs. McDade and her daughter, Bertha, have made their home together.

To William and Lucinda McDade were born five children, Emma, Martha, Franklin, Bertha and Bessie. Their records follow:

(A) **Mary Emma Johnson**, daughter of William and Lucinda McDade, was born in Benton county, Ind., southwest of Oxford, Nov. 28, 1861. She was married March 22, 1883, to J. Wilbur Johnson, and for twenty-seven years they engaged in farming. About the year 1892 they purchased a farm southwest of Oxford, and lived there until 1910, when they moved to Ox-

ford. Mr. Johnson is now president of the State Bank of Oxford.

To Emma and Wilbur Johnson was born one child:

(i) **Arvel F. Johnson**, born near Fowler, Ind., April 27, 1884. He was married Feb. 19, 1908, to Oral Dewey. They lived on his parents' farm until October 1916, when they moved to Fowler, where he assumed the management of the Fowler Grain Co. business, in which he also has an interest.

(B) **Martha Jane Smith**, daughter of William and Lucinda McDade, was born on a farm southwest of Oxford, Ind., Oct. 30, 1863. Feb. 17, 1886, she was married to James B. Smith, and they lived on a farm 6 1-4 miles southwest of Oxford until about 1910, when they bought property in Oxford and moved there. Mrs. Smith has had great physical affliction during her life, and it has been necessary for her to submit to many surgical operations. In the autumn of 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Smith returned to the farm and still reside there.

To Martha and James Smith was born one child:

(i) **Cash M. Smith** was born southwest of Oxford, Jan. 25, 1887. He was married Dec. 31, 1909, to Zella Gross, and they resided on his parents' farm until the autumn of 1922, when they moved to Attica, Ind.; he is now employed as fireman on the C. A. & S. R. R.

To Cash and Zella Smith has been born one child,

(a) **Lorene Smith**, born southwest of Oxford, Feb. 13, 1911.

(C) **John Franklin McDade**, son of William and Lucinda McDade, was born on a farm southwest of Oxford, Ind., April 30, 1867. Feb. 22, 1893, he was married to Nettie Wattles, and they engaged in farming, moving to the McDade home farm where his parents moved to Oxford in 1902. One child was born to Frank and Nettie McDade,

(i) **Russell McDade**, born southwest of Oxford on a farm, Oct. 11, 1905; he is a senior in the Oxford high school.

(D) **Florence Bertha McDade**, daughter of William and Lucinda McDade, was born on a farm southwest of Oxford, Ind., March 28, 1879. December 12, 1900, she was married to Walter Denman, a farmer, of near Boswell, but since 1907 she has lived with and cared for her parents in their old age. Since her father's death she and her mother make their home together.



(E) **Bessie Pearl Greenwood**, daughter of William and Lucinda McDade, was born southwest of Oxford, Ind., Feb. 22, 1883. She was married Oct. 5, 1904, to Albert B. Greenwood; they lived on a farm northwest of Oxford until February, 1922, when they moved to Oxford, where Mr. Greenwood is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in partnership with Will D. McConnell.

To Bessie and Albert Greenwood has been born one child,

(i) **Lela Greenwood**, born on a farm northwest of Oxford, Sept. 8, 1906; she is a senior in the Oxford high school.

(2) **Mary (McDade) Foster**, daughter of Martha and James McDade, was born in Fountain county, Ind., near Covington, Sept. 18, 1836. When she was two years of age her parents left Fountain county and lived for a time in Warren county; they later located in Benton county, southwest of Oxford and there she grew to womanhood, and was married Jan. 30, 1862, to Enoch Foster. For a number of years they lived on a farm in Warren county, near West Pine Chapel, but later lived in Benton county on the farm where Nye Smith now resides. When they retired from the farm they moved to Pine Village, Ind., and it was there that her life ended June 12, 1913, from leakage of the heart; interment was made in the Boswell cemetery.

Mr. Foster lived until April 14, 1921, and his death due to heart failure, occurred at West Lebanon, Ind., at the home of his daughter, Emma Yarbrow. Interment was made in the Boswell cemetery.

To Mary and Enoch Foster were born six children, Elwood, Frank, Carey, Emma, Schuyler and Lucy. Their records follow:

(A) **Elwood Foster**, son of Mary and Enoch Foster, was born in Warren county, Ind., about the year 1863. He was married Feb. 28, 1889, to Emma Mills, and they reside at Pine Village, where he is engaged in farming. Elwood and Emma Foster are the parents of three children, as follows:

(i) **Victor M. Foster**, son of Elwood and Emma Foster, was born Jan. 5, 1890. Was married Oct. 29, 1919, to Aleen Malia, and they reside in New York City, where he is a baker. One child has been born to them,

(a) **Frances B. Foster**, born July 31, 1920.

(ii) **Lloyd S. Foster**, son of Elwood and Emma Foster,

was born Jan. 17, 1891, and was married March 9, 1912, to Anna Metaker. They live on a farm near Pine Village and are the parents of the following four children:

- (a) **Gerald Foster**, born April 5, 1912;
  - (b) **Wallace Foster**, born June 10, 1914;
  - (c) **James Foster**, born Dec. 12, 1916;
  - (d) **Morris Foster**, born Feb. 13, 1919.
- (iii) **Bernice Foster**, daughter of Elwood and Emma Foster, was born Feb. 14, 1893; died Sept. 1, 1906, of typhoid fever, and was buried in the Pine Village cemetery.

(B) **Frank Foster**, son of Mary and Enoch Foster, was born in Warren county, Ind., about the year 1865, and was married to Augusta Glasscock; they live at Pine Village, Ind., where he is a carpenter.

(C) **Carey Foster**, son of Mary and Enoch Foster, was born in Warren county, Ind., about the year 1867. He married Rena, Cassell, and they live at Long Beach, Cal.

(D) **Emma (Foster) Yarbrow**, daughter of Mary and Enoch Foster, was born in Warren county, Ind., Jan. 20, about 1869. Feb. 23, —, she was married to Charles Yarbrow; for a time they lived at West Lebanon, but are now living on a farm near Pine Village. One child was born to Emma and Charles Yarbrow,

(i) **Audrey Yarbrow**, born July 28, —, he is married to Pauline Sellers.

(E) **Schuyler Foster**, son of Mary and Enoch Foster, and better known as "Dick," was born March 20, 1871. Dec. 31, 1922, he was married to Fannie (Mounts) McConnell, widow of his cousin, S. Franklin McConnell, and they make their home in Oxford, Ind.

(F) **Lucy Van Eaton**, daughter of Mary and Enoch Foster, was born southwest of Oxford on a farm Oct. 17, 1873. She was married Feb. 16, 1902, to Danforth Van Eaton, a barber, and they make their home in Oxford.

(3) **Samuel McDade**, son of Martha and James McDade, was born in Warren county, Ind., Oct. 29, 1839. With his parents he came to Benton county and lived on a farm southwest of Oxford.

January 12, 1865, he was married to Martha Jane Buckles (born in Warren county, Sept. 23, 1845, and the early part of

their married life was spent on the farm. Later he became a building contractor, and moved from Oxford to Indianapolis; thence to Oregon and finally to Pasadena, Cal., where his death occurred March 10, 1917, from arterio sclerosis. Interment was made at Pasadena.

To Samuel and Martha Jane McDade were born four children, Eva, Laura, Louis and Herbert. Their records follow:

(A) **Eva Lillis Miller**, daughter of Samuel and Martha McDade, was born in Benton county, Ind., Nov. 16, 1865; she graduated from the high school at Fowler, Ind., and attended County Normal Schools. October 25, 1888, at Fowler, she was married to Frank J. Miller, and they made their home in Oxford. After a time Mrs. Miller moved with her children to Indianapolis, and a number of years ago went to Medina, Washington, where she now resides.

To Eva and Frank J. Miller were born three children as follows:

(i) **Ethel McDade Lang**, daughter of Eva and Frank J. Miller, was born in Talbot, Ind., June 10, 1890. She received her schooling in the Oxford and Indianapolis grade school, and graduated from the Zionsville high school. Following this she attended a private business school at Indianapolis and was a private secretary, stenographer and bookkeeper in Indianapolis and Seattle. Sept. 23, 1911, she was married in Seattle, Washington, to John Lang Jr.; they reside in Seattle, where Mr. Lang has been employed as a salesman and price clerk for a wholesale firm, and is now buyer for a ship-chandlery firm.

(ii) **William Louis Miller**, son of Eva and Frank J. Miller, was born in Indianapolis, Ind., March 20, 1892. He attended school at Indianapolis and Zionsville, Ind., and was married May 25, 1921, to Olive Louise Bayley at Seattle, Wash. He is employed as price clerk and sales department clerk in a wholesale hardware store at Seattle, Wash. William L. and Olive Miller are the parents of one child,

(a) **Richard Louis Miller**, born in Seattle, Wash., June 3, 1923.

(iii) **Ruth Jane Campbell**, daughter of Eva and Frank J. Miller, was born in Oxford, Ind., Feb. 27, 1894. She graduated from high school in Seattle, Wash., and for a time was stenogra-



pher for Bradstreet Co., Seattle. May 16, 1917, she was married to Arthur Eugene Campbell, an attorney and claim adjuster for the Hartford Accident Insurance Co., and they reside in Seattle. Ruth and Arthur Campbell are the parents of one child,

(a) **Robert Miller Campbell**, born at Oakland, Cal., June 16, 1921.

(B) **Laura Luella Spruhan**, daughter of Samuel and Martha Jane McDade, was born in Benton county, Ind., Oct. 3, 1868. She attended the Fowler, Ind., high school, and was married in Indianapolis, Ind., July 18, 1894, to John Spruhan. They made their home at Waveland, Ind., and there her death occurred June 3, 1917, caused by appendicitis. Interment was made at that place. To Laura and John Spruhan were born two children, as follows:

(i) **Maynard Samuel Spruhan**, son of Laura and John Spruhan, was born at Waveland, Ind., July 10, 1898. He graduated from the Waveland high school, and is now a cartoonist and clerk for an express company.

(ii) **Julia Bright Spruhan**, daughter of Laura and John Spruhan, was born at Waveland, Ind., April 7, 1906, and is now in school at that place.

(C) **Louis Buckles McDade**, son of Samuel and Martha Jane McDade, was born in Benton county, Ind., Nov. 27, 1872. He graduated from the Fowler high school and from the Lafayette Business College. He was then a bookkeeper and is now a traveling salesman. July 23, 1916, he was married to Cora Naomi Lilly, a teacher in Pasadena, Cal., and they reside in that city.

(D) **Herbert James McDade**, son of Samuel and Martha Jane McDade, was born in Benton county, Ind., Jan. 14, 1880. He attended school at Indianapolis and also a school of chemistry. For some time he was a chemist, with his residence at Indianapolis; but about 1906, he moved to Oswego, New York, and later to Pasadena, Cal., where he owns and operates a dairy. April 7, 1904, he was married in Indianapolis to Laura Estella Smith and two children have been born to them, as follows:

(i) **Herbert James McDade Jr.**, son of Herbert and Laura S. McDade, was born in Indianapolis, Ind., June 12, 1905, and is now in high school at Pasadena, California.

(ii) **Martha Mary McDade**, daughter of Herbert and Laura S. McDade, was born at Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1907, and is attending the Pasadena high school.

(4) **Martha Ellen Myers**, daughter of Martha and James McDade, was born in Montgomery county, Ind., Aug. 20, 1840. With her parents she came to Benton county, Ind., and grew to womanhood on a farm southwest of Oxford.

April 7, 1856, she was married to Montgomery H. Myers, and four years later they bought and moved to a farm in Peoria township, Warren county, near Ambia. There they lived until her death, which occurred at the birth of her son, Walter, Nov. 7, 1876. Interment was made in the Jones cemetery. Mrs. Myers was a member of the Christian church and was a woman of splendid character.

Mr. Myers and his daughter, Emma Felix, made their home together until his death, which resulted from cancer of the arm, April 27, 1923. He was buried with his wife in the Jones cemetery, Warren county.

To Ellen and Montgomery Myers were born eleven children, Eva, George, Flora, Salinda, Mary, William, Martha, Perry, Howard, Emma and Walter. Their records follow:

(A) **Eva A. Wallace**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born on a farm in Warren county, near Ambia, Ind., May 8, 1860. She was married Aug. 20, 1884, to Joshua T. Wallace, and they reside on a small farm near Carrey Wood, Idaho. Nine children were born to them, and all are living except one, who died in infancy. They also have fourteen grandchildren.

(B) **George S. Myers**, son of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born in Warren county, Ind., on a farm near Ambia, Sept. 2, 1861. He married Bell Felix March 4, 1891, and they live on a farm near Colfax, Ind. They are the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. They also have six grandchildren.

(C) **Flora B. Wallace**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born on a farm in Warren county, near Ambia, Ind., Jan. 12, 1863. January 1885, she was married to William Wallace, brother to Joshua Wallace, her sister Eva's husband. They live on a farm near Troy, Montana. Nine children were born to them, four of whom died in childhood. They have eight grandchildren.



(D) **Salinda A. Alexander**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born June 2, 1864, on a farm near Ambia, Ind. In May, 1880, she was married to Henry Alexander. She died in 1899, when thirty-five years of age, and Mr. Alexander lives on a farm near Bakersfield, Kern county, Cal. Of the eight children born to them six are living, and all reside in California. There are nine grandchildren.

(E) **Mary O. Davis**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born near Ambia, Ind., on a farm in Warren county, Feb. 4, 1866. Dec. 31, 1890, she was married to John D. Davis, and they own and live on a farm one and one-half miles southeast of Ambia. Of the two children born to them only one survives, and there are two grandchildren.

(F) **William McDade Myers**, son of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born near Ambia, Ind., Jan. 11, 1868. He is a bachelor and lives on a farm near Lockford, Cal., with his brother, Howard.

(G) **Martha A. Foster**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born near Ambia, Ind., on a farm in Warren county, Sept. 9, 1869. She was married Dec. 31, 1890, to Elmer Foster, and they own and live on a farm near Locust Grove, Warren county. They have eight children, all living, and five grandchildren.

(H) **Perry H. Myers**, son of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born in Warren county, Ind., near Ambia, March 18, 1871. Nov. 25, 1897, he was married to Mamie Mathews, and they live at Gray, Wash., where he is in the garage business. To Perry and Mamie Myers were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy, and there is one grandchild.

(I) **Howard A. Myers**, son of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born Dec. 22, 1872, on a Warren county farm near Ambia, Ind. He was married to Lillian Felix, March, 1894, and they own and live on a large farm near Lockford, Cal., and raise poultry and turkeys extensively. His brother, William, lives with him. Seven children were born to Howard and Lillian Myers, and all are living except one daughter, who died at the age of twenty-two years of pulmonary tuberculosis. There is one grandchild.

(J) **Emma E. Felix**, daughter of Ellen and Montgomery



Myers, was born on a farm in Warren county, near Ambia, Ind., April 21, 1874. She was married Feb. 1, 1893, to Joseph Felix, brother of Lillian Felix, wife of her brother, Howard Myers. Two children, both living, were born to them, and there are five grandchildren. For the past twenty-five years Mrs. Felix lived with and cared for her father, until his death in April of this year. She lives at Ambia, where she operates a small poultry farm.

(K) **Walter B. Myers**, son of Ellen and Montgomery Myers, was born Oct. 26, 1876, on a farm near Ambia, Ind. His mother died when he was but a few days old, and was cared for by his older sister. He was married June 30, 1897, to Emma Thomas, and they live on a farm near Gray, Wash. Walter and Emma Myers are the parents of five children, all of whom are living, and there is one grandchild.

## X. THOMAS McCONNELL

tenth child of Hugh and Elizabeth (Jolly) McConnell, was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 3, 1813. As a young man he came from Ohio with his father's family, locating first in Fountain county, Ind., and later in Benton county, Ind., and here the remainder of his life was spent.

June 1, 1843, when thirty years of age, he was married to Margaret Wilkinson, and they made their home on a farm southwest of Oxford, the farm now owned by Mrs. Lena Hackerson of Boswell. In later years he owned and operated a saw-mill in Warren county, which was known throughout the county as "Little Mill."

February 17, 1852, while working at this saw-mill, Mr. McConnell contracted a deep cold which terminated in pneumonia, resulting in his death Feb. 17, 1852, while he was yet a comparatively young man.

Mrs. McConnell was married two years later, Nov. 16, 1854, to John McDade, son by a former marriage of James McDade, who married Martha McConnell, her first husband's sister.

Her death occurred on the farm southwest of town in July

1883, and she was buried in the McConnell cemetery beside her first husband, Thomas McConnell.

To Thomas and Margaret W. McConnell were born two sons, William H. and David McConnell.

(1) **William H. McConnell**, son of Thomas L. and Margaret W. McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., Oct. 16, 1844, and his entire life was spent in this locality.

When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in 1863, in Co. H, 116th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with that regiment until mustered out in 1864.

Upon returning home he farmed on shares for three years, and then purchased and moved to a farm of his own, which included a part of his father's old homestead. Here he lived for thirty-four years.

September 9, 1866, he was married to Mary Jane Jackson, and they became the parents of two sons, John Thomas and Samuel Franklin. Besides caring for their own children, they also reared from babyhood three granddaughters and one niece.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. McConnell retired from active labor and moved to Oxford; here, ten years later, July 30, 1910, occurred her death after a lingering illness and interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

Seven years later, Sept. 19, 1917, Mr. McConnell was married to Emma (Lester) Van Cleave.

Mr. McConnell's death occurred Sept. 24, 1918, from a complication of diseases, and interment was made in the Justus cemetery. He was an honorable and esteemed citizen; he was a member of the local G. A. R. Post, and was a Republican in politics, always taking an active part in the affairs of the party. On two occasions he was elected county commissioner, and was for a number of years trustee of Oak Grove township.

(A) **John Thomas McConnell**, son of William H. and Mary Jane McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., six miles southwest of Oxford.

He was married on Dec. 23, 1886, to Effie Smith, who, on their seventh wedding anniversary, Dec. 23, 1893, died after a year's illness, leaving him with four small children, Nora, Ethel, Maud and Delbert. Nine years later Mr. McConnell was again married, this time to Bertha Deisher at Fowler, Ind.

Prior to his death he was ill for many months; death came at the home of his parents in Oxford, Ind., Aug. 12, 1909. The funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. George B. Jones of the Methodist church, and interment was made in the Boswell cemetery beside his first wife.

Following are the children of Thomas and Effie S. McConnell:

(i) **Nora E. Sheetz**, daughter of Thomas and Effie S. McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., Sept. 27, 1887. When she was six years old her mother died, and she was thereafter cared for by her father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. McConnell. For a number of years she was employed in the Oxford Telephone Exchange. Sept. 21, 1916, she was married to Chester Sheetz, a mechanic, and they reside at Templeton, Ind.

Mrs. Sheetz is a member of the Oxford Christian church.

To Nora and Chester Sheetz has been born one child,

(a) **Jack Morrison Sheetz**, born at Templeton, Ind., March 5, 1919.

(ii) **Ethel May Washburn**, daughter of J. Thomas and Effie S. McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., May 2, 1889. She was reared by her father's parents from early childhood, and taught school a number of years. Mrs. Washburn graduated from the Oxford high school and is a member of the Christian church. Dec. 31, 1912, she was united in marriage with Perry Washburn, and they now reside near Fowler, Ind., and farm with his father, Bent Washburn. To Ethel and Perry Washburn has been born one child,

(a) **Willard Smith Washburn**, born Aug. 26, 1915.

(iii) **Maud Lee Ewbank**, daughter of J. Thomas and Effie S. McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., Nov. 3, 1890. When she was three years of age her mother died and she was then cared for by her father's parents. After graduating from the Oxford high school she was employed as clerk in an Oxford dry goods store for some time. Mrs. Ewbank united with the Christian church early in life.

December 2, 1913, she was married to Webster Ewbank, a farmer, and they have since then made their home near Waveland, Ind.



To Maud and Webster Ewbank have been born three children, as follows:

(a) **Russell McConnell Ewbank**, born near Waveland, Ind., Jan. 31, 1916.

(b) **Carmen Maurine Ewbank**, born near Waveland, Ind., Dec. 31, 1916.

(c) **Leland Maurice Ewbank**, born near Waveland, Ind., Dec. 20, 1918.

(iv) **James Delbert McConnell**, son of J. Thomas and Effie S. McConnell, was born at Oxford, Ind., March 19, 1893. His mother died a few months after his birth, and he was reared by her mother, Mrs. Schoolcraft, of Hoopeston.

March 7, 1913, he was married to Ruth Tatherah of Ambia, and they reside at Champaign, Ill., where he is employed as a mechanic.

Delbert and Ruth McConnell are the parents of one child,

(a) **Russell McConnell**, born Sept. 7, 1913.

(B) **Samuel Franklin McConnell**, son of William H. and Mary Jane McConnell, was born in Benton county, six miles southwest of Oxford, Ind., Nov. 3, 1868. He lived and worked on the home farm until he was married, Dec. 22, 1897, to Fannie M. Mounts (born near Patriot, Ind., Oct. 31, 1877).

They went to housekeeping at the old Jackson homestead, and lived there until Mr. McConnell's parents moved to Oxford in 1900. At that time he moved to his old home place and there the remainder of his life was lived except for one year spent in Oxford, while the home was being remodeled.

His death occurred at the Oaks Sanitarium, Oxford, Sept. 27, 1916, following an operation for internal abscess, and interment was made in the Justus cemetery.

To Frank and Fannie McConnell were born two children, as follows:

(i) **Claud R. McConnell**, son of Frank and Fannie McConnell, was born at the old Jackson homestead southwest of Oxford, Ind., Aug. 16, 1900. He was married July 10, 1920, to Evas Perno of Boswell. They reside at Boswell, Ind., where he is manager of the Pure Food Co.'s store.

Claude and Evas McConnell are the parents of one child,

(a) **William Franklin McConnell**, born near Walnut Grove, 1921.

(ii) **Mary Louise McConnell**, daughter of Frank and Fannie McConnell, was born in Oxford, Ind., July 20, 1911, and is now in the Oxford grade school.

(2) **David McConnell**, son of Thomas L. and Margaret W. McConnell, was born in Benton county, Ind., about 1846. He married Sarah Skelton and they moved to Iowa, and there, while a comparatively young man, he died of pulmonary tuberculosis. He was buried in Iowa. Mrs. McConnell cared for her family, Anna, Charles, Lewis and William, until they were grown, and she now lives at Phillipsburg, Kansas, where two of her sons are located.

Following are the children and grandchildren of David and Sarah S. McConnell:

(A) **Anna (McConnell) Gibbs**, lives at Kanarado, Kansas. Her children are:

- (i) **Harley Gibbs**,
- (ii) **Velva Gibbs**.

(B) **Charles McConnell**, son of David and Sarah S. McConnell is employed as engineer on the C. B. & Q. R. R., and lives at Sheridan, Wyo. His children are:

- (i) **Buna McConnell**,
- (ii) **Vera McConnell**,
- (iii) **Ruby McConnell**,
- (iv) **Gladys McConnell**,
- (v) **Harold McConnell**,
- (vi) **Hazel McConnell**.

(C) **Lewis McConnell** lives at Phillipsburg, Kansas. His children are:

- (i) **Lloyd McConnell**,
- (ii) **Velma McConnell**.

(D) **William McConnell** lives at Phillipsburg, Kansas. His children are:

- (i) **Vera McConnell**,
- (ii) **Jessie McConnell**.

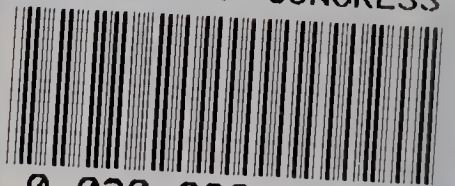
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